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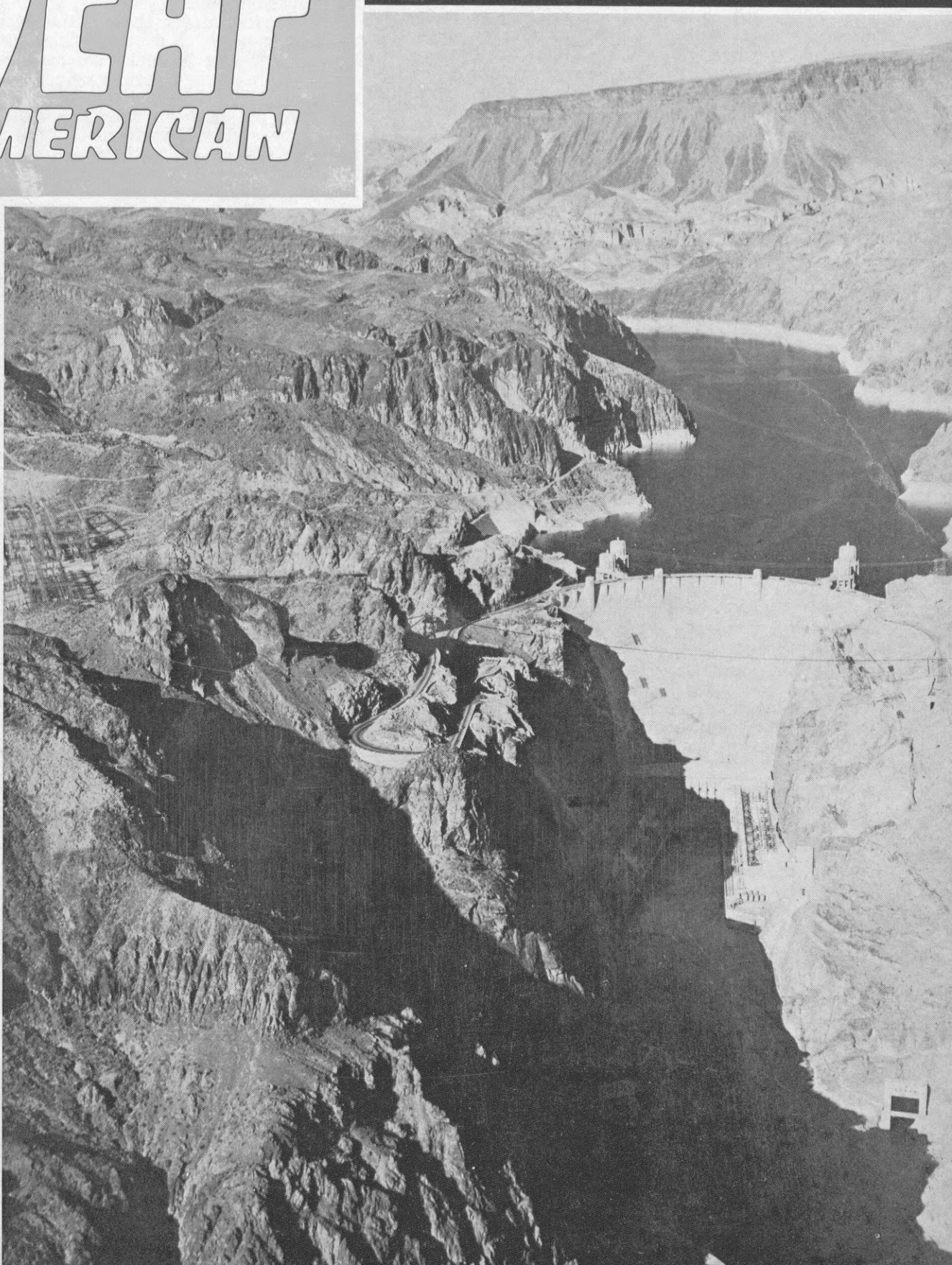
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The Editor's Page

Address Change for Office of Publication

Attention is called to the address change for **THE DEAF AMERICAN's** office of publication—which is now 5125 Radnor Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46226. All correspondence relating to editorial matters should be directed to that address.

For the past six years, the Editor has been making almost daily trips to the downtown post office in Indianapolis. Additional driving distance, parking difficulties and increased traffic have led to the change in the address of the office of publication.

Miss Switzer Moves Up

Miss Mary E. Switzer is the director of the newly-created Social and Rehabilitation Service (SRS) of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The SRS represents a consolidation of five major welfare agencies—Vocational Rehabilitation Administration, Children's Bureau, Administration of Aging, Medical Services and Assistance Payments Administration—under one office.

Miss Switzer, who will now hold down the biggest administrative job of any woman in government, spent the last 17 years as head of the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration. In that position she gained the highest possible respect, for both her administrative abilities and her personal zeal.

Miss Switzer, an honorary member of the National Association of the Deaf, has attended several of our conventions and workshops. Her most recent appearance was at the San Francisco Convention. We consider her one of the staunchest champions of the deaf and wish for her even greater success in her new role.

Boosting State Association Memberships

As NAD President Robert G. Sanderson points out in his column this month, state associations of the deaf are concerned over dwindling attendance at conventions. This has been the trend for several years. Most state associations depend on conventions for enrollment of members. Lack of attendance at conventions means fewer members for the ensuing two years.

State associations which have chapters in continuous operation are able to maintain membership rosters through activities at the local level. A few other state associations actively recruit members between conventions.

The solution for those states plagued by dwindling attendance at conventions is either to set up local chapters or to devise some means of maintaining—and enlarging—their membership between conventions.

The problem of state convention attendance should be on the agenda at the Las Vegas Convention next June. No doubt many of the Representatives from the state associations will have information and suggestions which can be pooled for mutual assistance.

Cover Subjects

The Editor has become accustomed to things going wrong with deadlines at hand. Pictures and copy may be delayed. Some months nothing is on hand for the cover. Delays and vacations at the printers can throw schedules out of whack. Week-ends and holidays complicate mailing arrangements.

This is one of those months when the Editor has been at his wits end trying to get **THE DEAF AMERICAN** to press. A couple of features in the works failed to materialize—hence no cover picture. Two or three fairly good pictures were on hand, but they were in the horizontal format and ill-suited for the vertical requirements of the cover.

Likewise several of our regular columns were delayed, as well as a new listing of the Order of the Georges. As we type this, we are afraid Home Office Notes will be missing.

Back to our heading—cover subjects. Professional quality poses of various subjects are sought, both in color and black and white. Although we prefer to run cover pictures dealing with features inside, this is not a hard-and-fast rule. We invite readers to submit pictures for possible use on our covers. And we can use art work as well as glossy photographs. Until our circulation rises and rises, we will depend on voluntary contributions to help solve our cover problem.

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Deaf Volunteer Organization For The Emotionally Disabled Deaf In New York City

By STEVEN K. CHOUGH, ACSW*

It was a sunny, blue-sky day in spring-time. Trees and flowers were in bloom. A young deaf patient had been wistfully glancing around, for what seemed to be hours, to spot certain visitors while straining through the windows of Rockland State Hospital. Hope was beginning to turn to despair, a characteristic of such deaf patients, many of whom have been abandoned by their families, discharged from schools and places of employment and alienated from the hospitalized population around them. No sooner had the patient seen several women appear on the hospital ground than he became excited and expressed his joy, "Deaf volunteers are coming! Deaf volunteers are coming!" His eyes filled with tears. He had difficulty restraining himself from poking the shoulder of every patient, telling the good news. A crowd of 30 deaf patients, ranging from 17 to 50 years of age, was in a hurry to reach the door from all over the recreation room, porch, occupational therapy room and bedrooms in the special ward for the deaf. It was an almost chaotic picture. Bringing plenty of food with them, the volunteers were affectionately greeted by the patients. When one volunteer announced in the language of signs, "We have a delicious barbecue party for you. Come on! Let's go out to the picnic area," the patients could not restrain their happiness. Accompanied by a few nurse's aides, the patients followed the group of volunteer workers. Helping the volunteers carry food such as hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelons, cakes and cartons of Coke, the patients seemed quite pleased. The meaning of volunteer workers to these patients is beyond question.

How did humanitarian motivation and unselfish services develop into a systematic organization? It all began three years ago when a chance item, a sentence really, appeared in a news column of Mrs. Naomi Leeds' hometown paper.¹ The article requested donations of art supplies for a congenitally deaf man who taught himself to draw while a patient of a nearby state hospital. Mrs. Leeds and a friend, Mrs. Peggy Hlibok, decided to investigate. The first visit to the hospital was an eyeopener. The patient, a man in his fifties, looked close to seventy. He struck a pathetic note, being shabbily attired and obviously neglected. He told the two visitors in halting signs that they were his first visitors

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in 24 years. The deaf patient narrated his humdrum daily routine, how he recalled his father's last visit too many years ago to remember and how sorrowful he felt about not hearing from his dead brother. He told of how he had decided to teach himself to draw. The visitors learned that by picking up discarded newspapers and through the kindness of some nurses who donated some drawing paper, pen and ink, the patient had acquired skill in copying paintings in his considerable leisure time. He told of his loneliness and his jubilation with the two ladies' visit. They went home very touched and disturbed and deeply determined to do something to help other deaf mental patients.

Having long recognized the need of mobilizing community interest and support for the mental health program for the deaf, Mr. Albert Berke (remedial teacher for deaf patients at Rockland State Hospital, vice president of the Empire State Association of the Deaf, and a member of the New York State Commission for the Deaf) was approached by Mrs. Leeds and Mrs. Hlibok for his advice on how they could establish a volunteer group. The ladies with the addition of Mr. Lee Brody, Mr. Albert Hlibok, Mr. Philip Leeds, and with Mrs. Faye Cohen, Mrs. Aileen Brody and Mrs. Lilly Berke worked together with Mr. Berke to formulate a plan for the establishment of a voluntary organization for those deaf who are mentally ill and emotionally disturbed. Mr. Berke's advice and encouragement to the ladies in the early stage led to the birth of the Mental Health Association of the Deaf (MHAD) in January 1965 and it became officially incorporated under New York State law in March 1966.

Volunteer workers are a traditional and integral part of the American democratic system, putting a premium on civic responsibility. The philosophy underlying such services can be found in the Judeo-Christian spirit and ethics which place responsibility upon the citizen to serve his fellowmen. Now the MHAD is a well-run structure, composed of 17 volunteers dedicated to serving those less fortunate

deaf in the New York City metropolitan area. It is organized and financed by its volunteer workers on their own initiative without financial remuneration and does not operate under an official mandate. Since the majority of deaf patients are usually socially isolated and since their need for social interaction and generous care are so great, the association believes that it should aim at bridging the gap between the hospital and the more normal social grouping within the deaf community through contributing services. More volunteer workers are being added to the organization every year. The MHAD executive board emphasizes the principle that all the volunteers pay their dues **with their hearts and their hands**, not with money. They are expected to make sacrifices in giving their free time.

A brief history of the Mental Health Services for the Deaf should be taken into consideration.² A clinical project for the deaf was first established in April 1955, supported by the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration (VRA), at the New York State Psychiatric Institute in upper Manhattan. The major purpose was to explore the new area of psychiatric interest, concentrating on research, clinical management and training as well as offering psychiatric services under the direction of Dr. Franz J. Kallmann, Chief of Psychiatric Research (Medical Genetics) of the Psychiatric Institute and the first director, who headed the mental health program for the deaf until his death in May 1965, and later Dr. John D. Rainer. Between 1955 and 1963, more than 230 deaf individuals applied to the clinic for psychiatric examination, diagnosis and treatment as well as for social casework counseling and rehabilitation assistance. At the close of the pilot project, another clinical demonstration program for the evaluation of comprehensive mental health services for the deaf started early in 1963, supported by the VRA. Rockland State Hospital was designated as a deaf inpatient unit in 1963. After-care facilities and outpatient services were to continue at the Psychiatric Institute. The operation of the demonstration unit for deaf patients led to the establishment of permanent state-supported services. The third phase of the clinical project, focusing on rehabilitative and preventive psychiatric program for the deaf, was made possible by another

¹Panel address of Mrs. Leeds, Executive Secretary of Mental Health Association of the Deaf, at the national workshop for psychiatrists working with deaf patients, New York, April 7, 1967.

*Further information may be obtained directly from Mrs. Naomi Leeds of the Mental Health Association of the Deaf, Inc., 15-08 212th Street, Bayside, New York, 11360.

²Edna S. Levine, Ph.D., "Mental Health Clinic in New York," *The Silent Worker*, National Association of the Deaf, Vol. 9, 1956, pp. 7-8.

LeRoy R. Subit, "New York Mental Health Project Now in Operation," *The Silent Worker*, Vol. 11, No. 3, November, 1958, pp. 3-6.



Picture at the left is a scene from the play, "Return to Thine Own House." The sister (left), visiting her brother (patient) who has just returned home from a mental hospital, underestimates his potential ability to stand on his own feet, while his wife (right) is apparently disappointed at what the over-anxious sister has to say. In the other picture the patient (left) wearing a uniform at a service station, quarrels with the customer (a businessman) over the erroneous number of gallons of gasoline put into car, and says with anger, "I'm tired of being pushed around. This is the last time anybody's going to give me a kick in the teeth!" The businessman is at a loss and the patient's wife is rather embarrassed.

grant by the VRA in April 1966 in order to achieve a model for an inclusive mental hygiene treatment structure for the deaf.³

Needless to say, Rockland State Hospital is the only hospital in this country that has a special ward for deaf inpatients with highly qualified staff members. The staff includes five psychiatrists, one clinical psychologist, one psychiatric social worker, two vocational rehabilitation counselors, a remedial teacher, an occupational therapist, a secretary and several nurses and attendants on the full and part-time basis. All the above-mentioned personnel have adequate skills in communicating with the patients via the manual method. They are aware that communication is not only the key to intellectual comprehension but also a medium for the expression of feelings and emotions. They recognize, too, that it is extremely important for the deaf patient to be able to tell his story in the most relaxed way and for the hospital personnel to have an opportunity to listen to the problem, needs and feelings as the patient expresses them.⁴

A large number of deaf patients in other state hospitals are, however, doomed to a particular loneliness, while residing in the same wards with hearing patients. These hospitals have very limited staff personnel with the skills necessary for

the psychiatric treatment of deaf patients. The MHAD volunteers have therefore rolled up their sleeves to rescue some of these lost souls from oblivion, helping them in nearby mental hospitals.

Some deaf citizens in Texas make it a practice to give deaf mental patients a Christmas party every year, supplying games, gifts and refreshments at the Austin State Hospital. A group of deaf students at Gallaudet College, under the guidance of a faculty member, make a monthly visit to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, D. C. However, the MHAD is, as far as the writer knows, the only organization in the nation that is formally organized to provide such services. The association is composed of an executive board composed of well-qualified volunteers, with an honorary advisory board who are prominent in professional fields related to the rehabilitation of the deaf. The organization has the flexibility necessary to integrate its volunteer workers of varying talents, capacities, interests, empathies and time schedules into the already complicated ward organization at the Rockland State Hospital.

According to Linn, "The volunteer brings something unique and irreplaceable into the therapeutic community. The patient reacts to the volunteer as to a friend from the outside world. The patient identifies with the volunteer more readily than he does with the paid hospital personnel and frequently esteems the volunteer more highly . . . the patient feels less ostracized."⁵ The MHAD volunteer workers share the fun with deaf patients by providing holiday parties, monthly picnics, games and other amusements and furnished these patients with needed clothes, art supplies, pictorial magazines, cigarettes and so forth. The assigned volunteers schedule trips to

baseball games and zoos and plan sight-seeing tours. When approximately 18 deaf patients from Rockland State Hospital were brought by hospital bus to the "Field Day" at the New York School for the Deaf at White Plains through the generosity of the "Field Day" Committee, the volunteer organization distributed money for refreshments. The association not only agreed to donate a film strip projector for the educational benefit of the patients, but also paid one-half the cost of bedroom furniture for a discharged deaf patient who was placed in a foster home. The MHAD volunteers helped a deaf mother overcome her fear of hospitalization of her psychotic son by showing her around the Deaf Unit of Rockland State Hospital. In short, the MHAD has given every evidence of vitality, effective leadership, great personal rewards and dynamic programs while opening many new horizons for deaf mental patients.

On December 2, 1966, the association presented the "Annual Big Night" in lower Manhattan to a crowd of about 260. The purpose of the program was to acquaint the deaf audience with mental health problems through lectures and a drama and to raise funds to continue volunteer work with deaf inpatients. The program opened with "The Star-Spangled Banner," rendered by young June Rothenberg in signs. Mr. Edgar Bloom served as master of ceremonies, ably assisted by Rev. Louis R. Jasper as interpreter. After the welcome address by Mrs. Leeds, the "Big Night" program was dedicated by Mr. Berke to Dr. David Farber, founder of the Psychiatric Clinic for the Deaf at Maimonides Hospital, Brooklyn, in 1965, who died in the same year. Dr. Farber was a noted psychiatrist working with deaf patients. Among guest speakers was Dr. Edna S. Levine, professor of Educational Psychology and director of the Center for Research and Advanced

³John D. Rainer, M.D., et. al., ed., **Family and Mental Health Problems in a Deaf Population**, New York State Psychiatric Inst., New York, 1963.

John D. Rainer, M.D., and Kenneth Z. Altshuler, M.D., **Comprehensive Mental Health Services for the Deaf**, New York State Psychiatric Institute, New York, 1966.

John D. Rainer, M.D., "Interpretation, Communication and Understanding," **The Deaf American**, National Association of the Deaf, Vol. 19, No. 1, September 1966, pp. 43-45.

⁴Steven K. Chough, MSW, "Casework with the Deaf: A Problem in Communication," **Social Work**, National Association of Social Workers, Vol. 9, No. 4, October 1964, pp. 76-82.

⁵Luis Linn, M.D., **A Handbook of Hospital Psychiatry**, International Universities Press, New York, 1955, p. 175.



First picture: The former employer (middle) who had refused to believe the patient's (left) capacity to work finally decides to give him an office job which he longed for and shakes hands with him. Both the businessman and the patient's wife (behind) are jubilant over the good news. Second picture shows the cast of the play—First row (left to right): Joseph R. Heinrich (a mental patient), Al Hlibok (stage props manager), Steven K. Chough (director), Jim Sturn (stage props manager), Bob Halligan (singer). Middle row: Anna Petrillo (the patient's wife). Standing: June Rotherberg (singer of "The Star Spangled Banner"), Sam Lewis (a former employer of the patient), Philip Leeds (a businessman), Ruth Ann Sussman (singer), Mary Heinrich (the patient's sister), Joseph Hines (the narrator) and Sheila Liebman (scenery designer).

Training in Deafness Rehabilitation, New York University, who emphasized in her speech, "What is Mental Health?" the need for immediate mental health action. Dr. Rainer spoke on "New Developments in Psychiatric Treatment for the Deaf," concentrating on the rehabilitative and preventive psychiatric program. The last speaker was the writer, also a director of the drama,⁶ who stressed the importance of a healthy parent-child relationship in his talk on "Understanding Your Children."

The major part of the program was a play entitled "Return to Thine Own House." The drama, a touching story of a cured mental patient returning home after his long stay in a hospital, was written through a joint effort of the National Association for Mental Health and the American Theatre Wing Community Plays. The talented cast included Joseph Heinrich, the patient; Mrs. Anna Petrillo, his wife; Mrs. Mary Heinrich, his elder sister; Sammy Lewis, his former employer; Philip Leeds, a businessman; and Joseph Hines, narrator. The play was well received, the applause being a tribute to the players' hard work, for they practiced 14 straight nights, for three hours each night. The beautiful scenery was designed by Miss Sheila Liebman. Both Mr. Hlibok and Jim Stern were invaluable as stage props managers. Just before the curtain fell, Mrs. Ruth Ann Sussman and Bob Halligan presented several delightful songs, "I'm a Big Girl Now," "Sam, You've Made My Pants Too Long," and "The Trolley Story." The association has fostered better understanding, interest and genuine warmth in the deaf community, an attitude which bodes well for the outcome of deaf mental patients.

The MHAD has been and is still di-

rectly supported and coordinated in its work by the various organizations of the deaf in the New York City metropolitan area. For instance, the MHAD's annual appeal for Chanukah-Christmas gifts for the deaf patients has resulted in cash donations from the Concordia Club of the Deaf, The Merry-Go-Rounders' Club, the Hebrew Association of the Deaf and its Sisterhood, Women's Club of the Deaf, the Lutheran Church of the Deaf, the Long Island Catholic Deaf Association, the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Or of the Deaf, the Brooklyn Association of the Deaf and the Linda Downs Fund, as well as personal donations from numerous individuals. The volunteer workers had a bazaar night through the kindness of the Merry-Go-Rounders for the occupational therapy fund to purchase supplies and materials. A Tupperware party was equally successful through the generosity of the Hebrew Association of the Deaf and its Sisterhood. The MHAD appreciates the assistance of above-mentioned organizations and of individuals.

Obtaining hospital volunteers is governed by many factors. On the one hand, attitudes of fear and prejudice entertained by the outside world toward the mentally ill or emotionally disturbed is widespread. On the other hand, difficulties may arise from hospital administrators who fear that the volunteer workers may get into situations for which they will be held responsible. Fortunately, the Board of the Volunteers at Rockland State Hospital has directed greater efforts toward inaugurating and expanding volunteer services, making valuable use of the volunteers in "companionship therapy." At the end of last year, the director of Rockland State Hospital formally received over 150 persons representing more than 500 volunteers who visited and served the hospital throughout the year. Ten MHAD volunteers, including the executive board members, attended

the affair and received a certificate of appreciation.

A few suggestions are offered with view to improving volunteer services. In order to supplement the shortage of professional staff working with the deaf in a hospital setting, an experienced professional person should be appointed as a coordinator to integrate, supervise and give overall direction to the Deaf Volunteer Program within the hospital ward for the deaf to assume responsibility of providing appropriate training and careful planning in relation to the assignments of the volunteers. Assignment to follow the convalescent or discharged deaf mental patients in the community and to provide friendly support and assistance in their readjustment is perhaps one of the most important phases of the entire program. Linn believes that "by bringing the mentally ill out of the hospital into close contacts and individualized relationships with citizens in the community at ball games, club meetings and in visits to private homes, the volunteer can help overcome the ancient prejudices concerning the mentally ill."⁷ The coordinator can utilize the non-professional volunteer workers in a one-to-one relationship with the deaf patients who may benefit from it.⁸

The writer believes that all volunteer workers should be trained in an orientation program, provided by the coordinator with the cooperation of the board of the volunteers at a state hospital. It is extremely important for volunteers to understand the ethics of protecting deaf patients by respecting their confidence; that is, not to identify them to or discuss them with other deaf people in the community. As for the training pro-

⁷Linn, *op. cit.*, p. 177

⁸Lillian P. Cain and Doris W. Epstein. "The Utilization of Housewives as Volunteer Case Aides," *Social Casework*, Vol. 48, No. 5, May 1967, pp. 282-285.

⁶See *The Silent Worker*, Vol. 15, No. 8, April 1963, p. 21.



A charming song, "You've Made My Pants Too Long!", rendered by Bob Halligan.

gram, the introductory sessions should include lectures and group discussion regarding such topics as basic human needs, motivation and behavior, facts and misconceptions about the mentally ill, the different forms of therapy and other hospital routines. It is also desirable for the volunteers to continue discussing the progress they are making with their patients and the problems they are encountering. Volunteers need to be encouraged in regular attendance. The writer recalls that when the MHAD volunteers did not appear for a special party due to a mix up in communication, several deaf patients were so upset that they refused to attend activities and do their chores for the remainder of that day. Reliability of volunteers' attendance is therefore a matter of paramount importance because patients gathered for an activity are unnecessarily traumatized if volunteers do not show up.⁹

It is suggested that deaf volunteers set up further recreational programs, such as a stamp club, development of hobbies and social activities, with focus as much as possible on the withdrawn patient. Classes in cooking, knitting and other social activities might be of value for women patients. The coordinator of the volunteer program should result in assignment of one deaf volunteer to each deaf patient who has no visitors as a part of the new "Adopt a Patient" program. Finally, the executive board of a volunteer organization should take into consideration personality features, such as maturity, motivation, sincerity, personal warmth, sense of humor, reliability, dependability, generosity and tolerance when a person applies for volunteer work.

Meanwhile, as the MHAD volunteers have increased in number and the scope of activities stemming from the special ward for the deaf, they have become part of and have contributed to the community at large. This article is a salute to the MHAD executive board members:

⁹Ibid., pp. 183-184.

On Behalf of the Temporal Bone Bank Pledge Program . . .

Bank Notes

By JERRY L. NORTHERN, Ph.D.

This is the first in a series of articles written to keep you informed on "deaf doings" and the nationwide effort to obtain temporal bone pledges from those with profound hearing loss. "Bank Notes" will bring to your attention specific contributions by deaf individuals, state deaf associations and the National Association of the Deaf in support of this worthwhile project aimed at a fuller understanding of the causes of deafness.

Summer enthusiasm has been running high with successful pledge programs at Sulphur, Oklahoma, at the swinging OAD convention led by "Tiger Ted" Griffing, followed by an energetic conclave at Delavan, Wisconsin, where this author arrived one full day behind schedule for the WAD convention. Future appearances of this column will feature these pledge programs complete with candid photographs of the participants!

Occasionally we intend to present information concerning hearing loss and we hope to keep you informed on research studies which are probing into the parameters of nerve deafness. I would also like to invite your questions concerning your hearing loss that have never been answered to your satisfaction. Chances are good that other deaf will be interested in these questions and answers and this column might prove to be a convenient place for such discussions. Please address your questions to me, c/o THE DEAF AMERICAN.

I would like to pay special public tribute to someone who has spent countless hours, driven many miles and talked most convincingly to his deaf friends in Illinois about the merits of the Temporal Bone Banks. Through his efforts (and you must know by now I am talking about JOHN B. DAVIS) more than 70 members of the Illinois Association of the Deaf have joined the ranks as temporal bone donors. Evidently J. B. is now working the whole Great Lakes area because he appeared over at the Wisconsin meeting this summer—and you guessed it—within minutes he was helping me sign up more temporal bone donors!

J. B. DAVIS is the type of individual without which our efforts would be futile in reaching the deaf population with this important program. Fortunately, J. B. is not alone in his enthusiasm, and I will express our appreciation in future articles to others who have contributed so much of themselves to this cause.

While this issue is going to press, the California Association of the Deaf will be hosting a TBB pledge program during their state convention. I am looking forward to working with the CAD, meeting their members and seeking new support for the TBB project and the NAD LEGION OF HONOR. I will take my camera and let you know how it turns out.

And for the deaf folks in **Houston**—we are planning a big city-wide program to explain the TBB Pledge Program in mid-September. This meeting will be a dandy, complete with guest speakers from the Baylor Medical School, refreshments, movies, etc. Don Pettingill will be down from Dallas for this program in order to convince me that Texans do things in a BIG way!

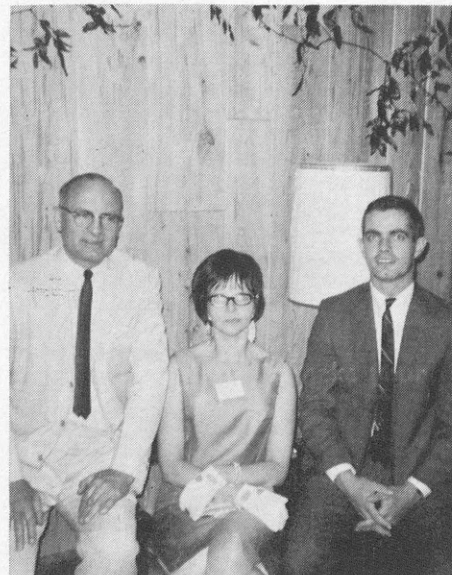
Mrs. Naomi Leeds, Mrs. Aileen Brody, Mrs. Lilly Berke, Mrs. Peggy Hlibok, Mrs. Faye Cohen, Mrs. Mary Heinrich and Mrs. Mary Shapira as well as volunteer members—Miss Jane Becker, Mrs. Vera Berzon, Mrs. Sylvia Bravin, Mrs. Margaret Call, Mrs. Bessie Ciavalano, Mrs. Ruth Goodstein, Mrs. Flo Grossinger, Mrs. Shirley Grossinger, Joseph Hines, and Mrs. Adele Meyers—who are dedicated in their efforts to provide a great service to deaf mental patients.

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J. B. Davis (left) and Ann Prinzevalle of the Illinois Association of the Deaf met with Jerry Northern to discuss the promotion of the Temporal Bone Pledge Program during the Illinois Association of the Deaf convention in Rockford.

North Carolina School For The Deaf

By WILLIAM M. SIMPSON

Education of the deaf in North Carolina was an outcome of the success generated by Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet in establishing the first permanent residential school for the deaf in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1817. As early as 1828, a group called the North Carolina Society sought to secure a "Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb" by asking Congress to make a gift of public lands, so that the allotment could be sold and the proceeds applied to the education of the deaf. The request was not granted. In 1844, through the urging of Governor John Motely Morehead, the state legislature granted funds to establish a school for the deaf, making North Carolina the ninth state to open its doors to the education of deaf children.

The North Carolina School for the Deaf opened on May 1, 1845, in rented quarters located in Raleigh, the state capital, with four teachers. W. D. Cooke was the first superintendent. Five deaf children were on hand for that historic first day. From this meager beginning, education of the deaf in North Carolina took root. Later in 1851, the Raleigh institution was expanded to include the education of the blind, with 12 pupils being enrolled.

It is interesting to note that printing was a vocational subject from the very beginning and that the first issue of the **American Annals of the Deaf**, the oldest continuously published educational journal, came off the presses of the Raleigh school in 1847. During the Civil War period (1861-1865), a good deal of printing and binding was done for the state government, including the printing of Confederate paper currency. Those not in the printing classes were kept busy making cartridges for army rifles.

In 1869, a building in another section of Raleigh was secured for the exclusive

use of the education of the Negro deaf and the Negro blind, the first such institution of its kind in the country. This is now the Governor Morehead School.

In 1891, a separate school for the white deaf was established at Morganton on grounds donated by that town. It was the outcome of legislative action to separate the white deaf from the white blind. The department of the blind and facilities for the Negro deaf remained in Raleigh. E. McKee Goodwin, L.H.D., was appointed superintendent and served for 46 years until his death in 1937. Since 1891, any mention of the North Carolina School for the Deaf was used with reference to the Morganton school.

Situated high on a hill overlooking the town of Morganton, the "Main Building" was opened in 1894 in time for the first session with 104 children and eight teachers. Successive structures came into being with the years as the school grew to be the largest residential school for the deaf in the United States. Today the North Carolina School has three separate units consisting of 12 buildings and 10 residences spread over the 400-acre campus. These units, the primary unit, the intermediate unit and the advanced unit, have their own classroom buildings, living quarters, dining facilities and play areas. A fourth unit is in the planning stage. Present enrollment is 520 with a teaching staff of 81, which includes both hearing teachers and deaf teachers.

Ben E. Hoffmeyer, who has been superintendent since 1955, is only the third person to hold that position at the Morganton institution since its founding 75 years ago. His predecessor, C. E. Rankin, Ph.D., served from 1937 to 1955.



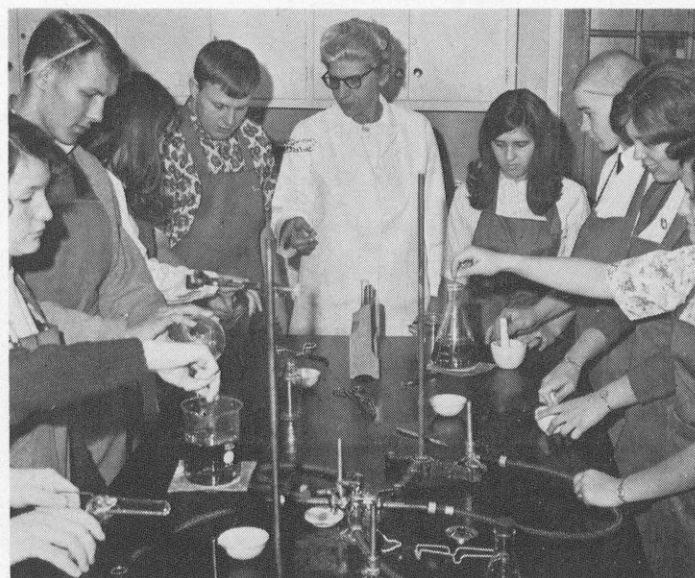
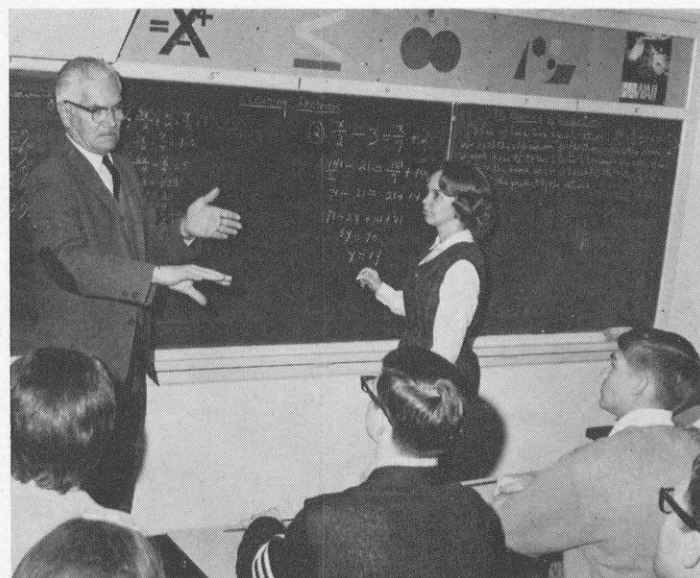
SUPERINTENDENT—Ben E. Hoffmeyer has been superintendent of the North Carolina School for the Deaf at Morganton since 1955. A native of Missouri, his first contact with the deaf was through an older deaf brother, Claude, now a vocational instructor at the Kentucky School for the Deaf.

Mr. Hoffmeyer received his bachelor of arts degree from Washington University in St. Louis, where he also received special training to teach the deaf at Central Institute. After teaching for two years at the South Carolina School for the Deaf, he served in the Navy during World War II as a lieutenant. He earned a master of arts degree from Gallaudet College in 1947. The same year he became principal of the North Carolina School, a position he held until he became superintendent.

Superintendent Hoffmeyer is a past president of the Morganton Kiwanis Club and past secretary of the Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf. Presently he is a member of the following committees of the Conference of Executives: Teacher Training and Certification, Vocational Education, Accreditation of Schools for the Deaf. He is also a member of the Joint Committee on Audiology and Education of the Deaf, and is on the Board of Directors of Western Piedmont College.

Recently Mr. Hoffmeyer was a recipient of the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to boyhood.

He is married to Vera Beamer of Fulton, Mo. They have three children, Dennis, Gay and Sherry.



ACADEMIC CLASSES—Left, a senior class in the midst of a math lesson. George K. Brown is the instructor. Right, high school students involved in a laboratory experiment in the chemistry class. Mrs. Meta Bigham is the teacher.



CLASSROOM TECHNIQUES—At the North Carolina School a combination of speech and fingerspelled English is used on all levels. In the picture at the left, Mrs. Lottie S. Beasley is the teacher. At the right is a typical classroom. Audio-visual equipment is utilized extensively, with every classroom having an overhead projector.

The establishment of the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf at Wilson in 1964 was the result of a plan to meet the increasing enrollment figures with facilities for the very young children nearer to their homes. The Morganton school is in the western part of the state, which causes considerable traveling time for those living in the eastern parts. So today a child starts his education at either Morganton or Wilson, depending on what county he resides in. Present plans are for the eastern school, which now has 115 children, to expand gradually until its pupils can be educated through the eighth grade. At the present the school has a program only through the fourth grade. When this expansion is realized, the Wilson school will have an enrollment of 350. After the eighth grade, the pupils will be old enough to travel to Morganton for their high school and vocational education.

The Morganton and Wilson units of North Carolina Schools for the Deaf are under the same board of directors and as a result close harmony of the total educational picture is assured. R. M. McAdams, a recent principal of the Morganton school, has been superintendent of the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf since it came into being.

In January of this year a plan was formulated to comply with the Civil Rights Act. The Governor Morehead School will become a school for the blind only, both white and Negro, and the program for Negro deaf children will be discontinued. The Negro deaf will henceforth be educated at Morganton and Wilson. To make this transition possible, both schools have asked for funds for the added enrollments. This is now pending before the state legislature. When this plan fully materializes in about 1970, the Morganton school will have an enrollment of over 600 and the Wilson school 250, for a total of over 850 deaf children.

The unusually large number of deaf children at the North Carolina schools is puzzling when one compares the total

population of other states with that of North Carolina, along with the enrollments at other residential schools for the deaf. This "imbalance" is due to the absence of day schools or day classes in North Carolina.

The North Carolina School at Morganton offers a complete academic and vocational program from five years of age through high school. Instruction is carried on using the simultaneous method of speech and fingerspelling at all levels. This method is an effort to bring more fluent language to the deaf child which will help him in all methods of communication.

The emphasis of the school's program is on language and the goal is to give the student the best education he is capable of attaining, to become a good responsible citizen and to acquire a good moral and social standard.

The academic section is divided into three tracks, one for the bright or college-bound student, one for the average

learner and one for the slow student.

A library setup that has room for expansion to 5,000 volumes was created two years ago by changing the basement of the advanced school building into a spacious library and study area.

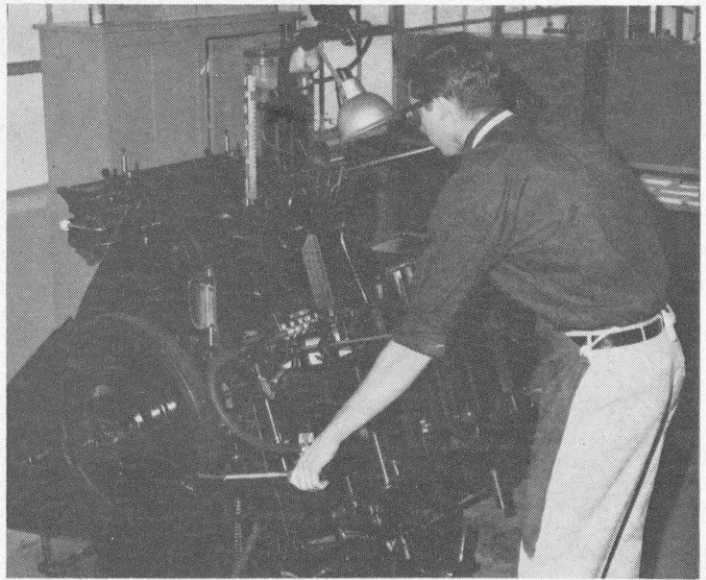
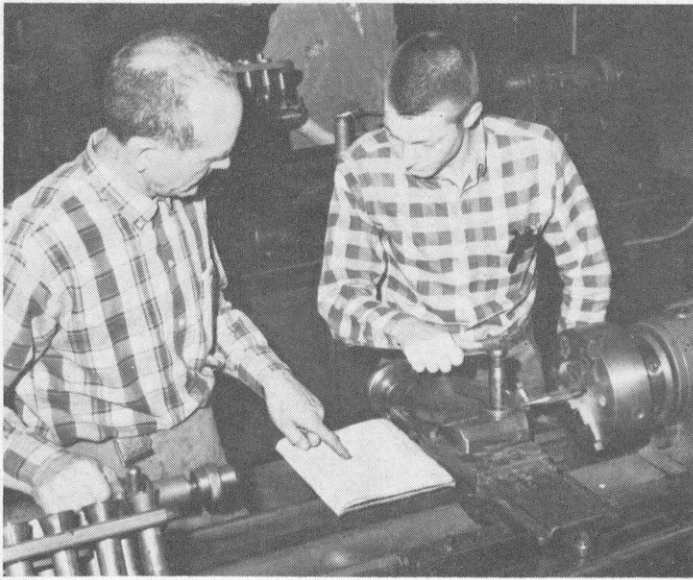
Efforts are also made to maintain a high standard of instruction in the vocational department, where boys are offered training in the graphic arts, cabinet making, upholstery, shoe repairing, dry cleaning and pressing, metal work and auto body repair. The girls have courses in dressmaking, power sewing, cooking, typing and IBM keypunch operation.

To further extend the academic and vocational periods of training, the North Carolina School for the Deaf has a 10-month, 200-day school year, which is unique among schools for the deaf.

The Morganton School maintains a full program of athletics for both boys and girls. There is league competition in football, basketball, wrestling and track for the boys. The girls engage in inter-



Cultural enrichment has its place in the curriculum of the North Carolina School. Mrs. Anne B. Starrett is holding forth in art appreciation.



VOCATIONAL CLASSES—Left, a student receives instruction in the operation of a metal lathe. Vernon Golightly is giving pointers. Right, one of the students in the printing class operating the Heidelberg press. Offset printing is also taught at NCSD.

scholastic basketball. A well-rounded program of social activities is maintained to provide recreation for the students. This phase will be extended with the opening of a new student union, complete with bowling alleys, in the lower part of a newly-constructed gymnasium for girls.

Scouting plays a major part in school activities with active units of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Brownie Scouts. For their activities they have access to two cabins on the campus, plus a third one tucked away in a 500-acre timberland 10 miles away that makes up the school's watershed.

Since the day it opened in 1894, the North Carolina School has had a teacher training program. Lenoir-Rhyne College and Appalachian State Teachers College are affiliated with the school in training teachers of the deaf in its nationally-accredited program.

Two years ago the Morganton school sold 132 acres of its vast campus to be used for a comprehensive community junior college which has since been named Western Piedmont Community College. This college promises to be an asset in that it is possible that some of the older deaf students may be able to take advanced academic and vocational training in future years.

A very active North Carolina School for the Deaf alumni association, organized in 1919, works very closely with the school administration. Since 1944, the alumni have sponsored the annual football homecoming day. Net proceeds extending \$15,000 have been turned over to the school for various purposes.

The advent of Federal aid to schools everywhere is reflected on the Morganton campus where a comprehensive evaluation center will be constructed. This center will be professionally staffed by an audiologist, a psychologist and a guidance counselor and will provide evaluation services to the deaf persons who need them, in and out of school and re-

gardless of age. This unit will work closely with the vocational rehabilitation division and other coordinated agencies in their efforts to serve best their clients.

Western Carolina Center, a hospital for trainable mentally retarded patients, is located in Morganton. A closely coordinated program between this hospital and the North Carolina School will eventually result in a more positive approach to the training of the less fortunate mentally retarded deaf students. A good deal of research is needed in that area and Western Carolina Center, with its Birth Defects Clinic, the only one of its kind in the nation, is a forerunner.

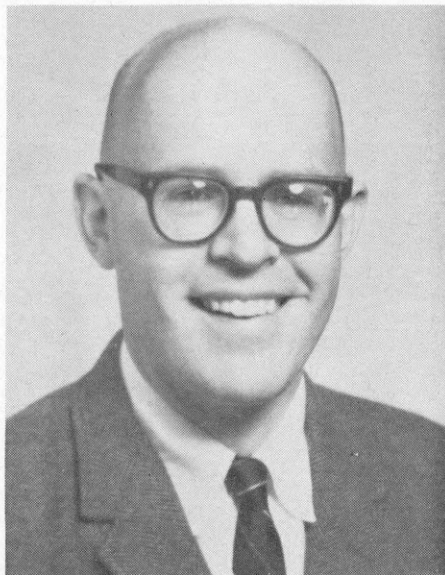
A look into the future at the North Carolina School in Morganton will reveal summer sessions of academic and

vocational classes. Federal funds will be putting otherwise idle summers to the betterment of the education of deaf children. Adult education for the deaf will be getting its share, too. All this points to a dynamic growth over the next decade.

Peikoff Named Gallaudet's Director of Development

Dr. David Peikoff of Greenbelt, Maryland (formerly of Toronto, Canada), has been appointed director of development at Gallaudet College. He will be directly in charge of the fund-raising program of the college. A graduate of Gallaudet, B.A., 1929, Dr. Peikoff goes to his new position with seven years' experience as chairman of the recently completed Gallaudet College Alumni Centennial Fund Drive, which began in January 1961 and ended in June 1967. Under his chairmanship, the original goal of a \$100,000 Centennial Fund reached \$520,000 before its presentation to the college.

Prior to heading the Fund Drive, Dr. Peikoff served from 1945 to 1960 as service manager of Sealy Mattress Co. of Toronto, Canada, a family-owned manufacturing concern. Born in Poltava, Russia, he was graduated from the Manitoba School for the Deaf in Winnipeg, Canada, in 1917. In addition to his B.A., he holds an honorary LL.D. (1957) from Gallaudet College. Dr. Peikoff was president of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association from 1954 to 1961.



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NAD CONVENTION

Las Vegas, Nevada

JUNE 17-22, 1968

NFSD Convention In New York City Elects Sullivan

The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf held its 20th quadrennial convention in New York City, July 16-22, 1967. The Statler-Hilton served as headquarters. Sponsors were the five divisions of Greater New York City, namely Brooklyn No. 23, Manhattan No. 87, Bronx No. 92, Westchester No. 114 and Queens No. 115. The 1,500 who were registered included the delegates representing the Society's 122 divisions throughout the United States and Canada.

Due to his health, Grand President L. Stephen Cherry announced his retirement, thus marking an end to 44 years of faithful service with the Society, the last 10 as chief executive. Elected by the convention to replace him was Frank B. Sullivan, secretary-treasurer since 1957. A native of Butte, Montana, he lost his hearing at the age of 10. He attended the Montana School and later Gallaudet College, graduating in 1941. He taught at the South Dakota School for one year and two years at the West Virginia School before taking leave for war work in the Akron (Ohio) Firestone aircraft plants. He joined the NFSD Home Office as a clerk in 1945. His election to the top office in the Society makes him the seventh grand president since the Society was reorganized in 1907.

Other officers: southern vice president, Brooks V. Monaghan, Memphis, (re-elected); western vice president, Ned C. Wheeler, West Ogden, Utah; northern vice president, James D. Jones, St. Paul; eastern vice president, Richard H. Myers, New York City; secretary, Leonard B. Warshawsky, Skokie, Ill.; treasurer, Al Van Nevel, Chicago; assistant secretary-treasurer, Jerry Strom, Oak Park, Ill. John B. Davis of Skokie, Solomon Deitch and Earl Nelson of Chicago were re-elected trustees.

Several important changes made in the NFSD bylaws:



Retiring Grand President L. Stephen Cherry delivers his address to the 20th quadrennial convention of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf.

- The office of the grand secretary-treasurer was split into separate offices, that of secretary and treasurer. The office of assistant secretary-treasurer was retained, thus increasing the Home Office administrative staff by one.

- For the first time since the Society was organized, membership will be open to any deaf man and woman, deaf and hearing child of deaf parents. (The latter will be allowed insurance coverage with no division privileges up to and after reaching the age of 18.)

- In the future, all NFSD members eligible to receive dividends on their certificates shall have the option of receiving their dividend in cash, or in the form of additional paid-up insurance to be added to the face value of their present certificates.

- A new applicant required to undergo a physical examination will pay the cost for this. However, after the applicant has paid a full year's premiums on his certificate, he shall be reimbursed for the amount paid to the examining physician.

Chicago beat out Pittsburgh, Flint, Cincinnati, Cleveland and finally San Francisco for the 1971 conclave. This will be sponsored by the Windy City's three divisions, Chicago No. 1, No. 142 (women) and Chicago No. 106 (oral deaf).

NFSD Resolutions

Three of the resolutions passed by the 20th quadrennial convention of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf held in New York City last July:

"WHEREAS, L. Stephen Cherry has given over 40 years of constant and devoted service to our Society; and

"WHEREAS, he is now retiring to a well-earned rest, therefore be it

"RESOLVED, That the 20th Quadrennial Convention of the Society, being held in New York City, New York, express its sincere appreciation for Brother Cherry's long years of devoted service and its best wishes for his happiness during "The Golden Years" and be it further

"RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Brother Cherry and THE DEAF AMERICAN magazine."

"WHEREAS, the Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf is now fully operational, and

"WHEREAS, Mervin D. Garretson has been selected as the first Executive Director, therefore be it

"RESOLVED, That our Society express its congratulations and good wishes to Brother Garretson, and be it further

"RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Brother Garretson, to the President of the C.O.S.D., and to THE DEAF AMERICAN magazine."

"WHEREAS, Captioned Films for the Deaf, Office of Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, has provided captioned films for deaf people for the past seven years, and

"WHEREAS, such films have met with universal acceptance and acclaim by deaf people who had previously been deprived of the meaningful cultural experience of understanding motion pictures, be it hereby

"RESOLVED, That the Society express its sincere appreciation to Captioned Films for the Deaf, and to Dr. John F. Gough, Administrator, for his enlightened leadership, and to each of his staff for their dedicated efforts to provide the best possible films and services to deaf people of America, and be it further

"RESOLVED, That the Society ask that Captioned Films redouble its already excellent efforts to insure that as many deaf adults as possible be given the means and opportunity to enjoy these films, and be it further

"RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Gough, to Dr. Harold Howe, Commissioner of Education, and THE DEAF AMERICAN magazine."



NFSD Officers—Members of the "official family" of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf for 1967-1971 posed for this picture at the recent New York City convention. Front row, left to right: Jerry Strom, assistant secretary-treasurer; Al Van Nevel, treasurer; L. S. Cherry, retiring president; Frank B. Sullivan, president; Judge Sherman G. Finesilver, a guest. Back row: Earl Nelson, Solomon Deitch and J. B. Davis, trustees; Richard Myers, eastern vice president; James Jones, northern vice president; Brooks Monaghan, southern vice president; Ned Wheeler, western vice president.

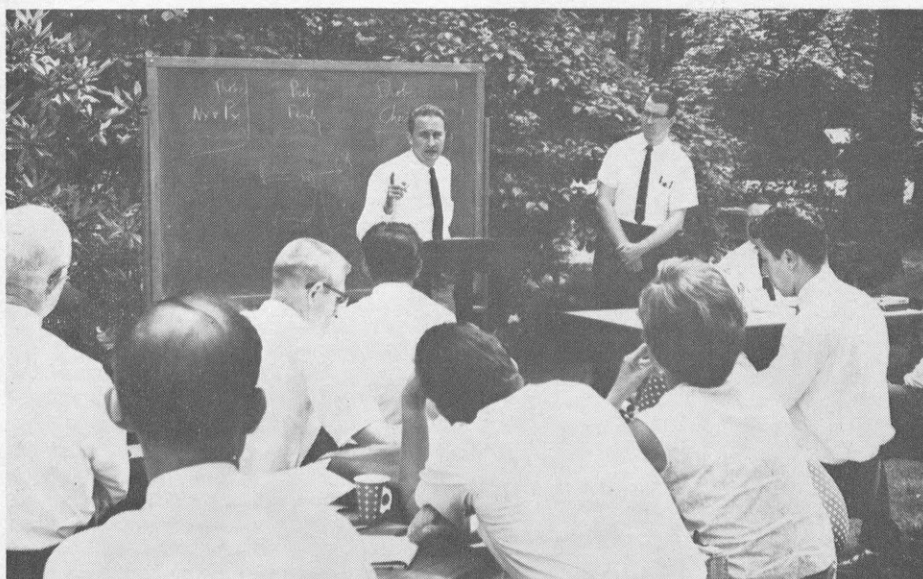
It isn't too early to make your plans to attend the next

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Ephphatha Conference Meeting Stresses Mental Health Programs



Dr. Kenneth Altshuler of the New York State Psychiatric Institute, is shown conducting a mental health workshop for Ephphatha Conference members at Mill Neck (N. Y.) Lutheran School for the Deaf, July 17-21, 1967. Retiring chairman of the conference, after 10 years at the helm, Rev. Clark Bailey of Oakland, Calif., is also shown at the front.

The 47th annual meeting of Ephphatha Conference of Lutheran Missionaries for the Deaf in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) assembled at Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf in Mill Neck, New York, July 17 to 21, for a Training Institute on Mental Health including the emotional problems of the deaf and other related areas on mental health and counseling.

Dr. John D. Rainer, M.D., project director, and Dr. Kenneth Z. Altshuler, M.D., the associate research scientist, of Mental Health Services for the Deaf, begun in 1963 by the Department of Medical Genetics of the New York State Psychiatric Institute, related to the Lutheran missionaries how this project has developed into the establishing of a permanent psychiatric unit for the deaf under the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene at Rockland State Hospital in New York.

The ward for the deaf presently at Rockland State Hospital and the pilot study of this project were designed to demonstrate the value and feasibility of providing comprehensive mental health services for the deaf on a regional basis. This permanent psychiatric unit for the deaf consisting of ward and clinic services is staffed by specially trained personnel. Patients and staff members are capable of communicating manually with one another. This new program is the first of its kind in the country, if not the world.

The Lutheran missionaries visited the ward and were able to observe a session of group therapy led by Dr. Syed Abdullah, the resident psychiatrist, who used the combined method of signs and speech.

Today there is new hope for deaf persons who have mental disorders. In previous years these deaf patients were un-

able to communicate with the staff or other patients and as a result remained in the hospital for longer periods of time. This new project has resulted in the rehabilitation of many deaf and also has resulted in a considerable amount of tax dollar savings. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is interested in serving the deaf and is interested in the progress that is being made for the welfare of the deaf. This has resulted in support of the annual Ephphatha Conference so that these new methods can be shared with

all of the workers and thereby improve their service to and for the deaf.

The following were elected as new officers for Ephphatha Conference for three-year terms: Chairman, Rev. Frank Wagenknecht, Pittsburgh; secretary, Rev. R. G. Blakely, Norwood, Massachusetts; program committee chairman, Rev. Orlin Anderson, Jacksonville, Illinois, and corresponding secretary, Rev. Rodney Rynearson, Rochester, New York.

Plans were discussed to prepare for the 75th anniversary of the preaching ministry to the deaf. The first worship service conducted in language of signs in the LCMS was by Rev. Augustus Reinke, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Chicago, on March 4, 1894. The text of his sermon was I John 4:8 on the theme: "God Is Love."

The structuring of a new administration of Missions to the Deaf has been undertaken by a special ad hoc committee of the regional counselor of the Lutheran Deaf Mission. The question which needs to be answered is who shall administer the work among the deaf so that it will involve the districts and congregations of synod more closely? Is it the synodical staff? The districts of synod? The regional counselors and their regional conferences? Or the deaf congregations? Pilot administration programs will be tried in the central region as soon as possible on a district level.

Rev. A. W. Ferber of Fargo, North Dakota, was the honored guest at a recognition banquet held on July 19, for being awarded the John of Beverley Medal for his outstanding work of preaching and teaching the deaf for the past 42 years. The banquet was sponsored by the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf who peri-



Rev. Herbert Rohe, executive secretary of Missions for the deaf of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, presents scrolls of recognition to: (1) Rev. Clark Bailey of Oakland, Calif., for 10 years of service as chairman of the Ephphatha Conference. He is now counselor of the Pacific region. (2) Rev. Theodore DeLaney of San Francisco for 19 years of service as secretary of the conference. DeLaney, now of St. Louis, is the newly elected secretary of the commission on worship of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. (3) Rev. A. W. Ferber of Fargo, N. D., for 42 years of service as pastor of the deaf and 48 years of service to the church. Ferber was also awarded the John of Beverley Medal by the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, presented the week prior to the conference at the Convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in New York City. The medal, visible in the picture, is given annually for outstanding service to the deaf. (4) Rev. C. R. Gerhold of Newark, N. J., for 25 years in the ministry.

odically award this medal for outstanding service to the deaf.

The Rev. W. E. Duey, minister for the deaf in north Texas and Oklahoma with headquarters in Dallas, was one of the 45 full-time Lutheran missionaries for the deaf attending the Institute on Mental Health in addition to the part-time workers and vicars. Rev. Duey is chairman of the Promotion Materials Committee of Ephphatha Conference.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

has more than 10,000 baptized deaf members organized in 50 congregations and 184 preaching stations in 234 cities.

The Missouri Synod's Board of Missions is cooperating in building an interfaith chapel on the campus of Gallaudet College. It will share the services of the facility, which will have three worship centers and about 10 rooms for social services and offices for chaplains. Rev. Daniel H. Pokorny is the LCMS campus pastor for Gallaudet College.

From A Parent's Point Of View

Mary Jane Rhodes, Conductor

Past President of the Parent-Teacher-Counselor Organization
Indiana School for the Deaf

We say that deafness is a handicap of "communication." Parents of deaf children are constantly encouraged to "communicate" with them. I wish that there were some new word that we could use instead of the much overworked word "communicate."

In checking my dictionary I find the following definitions: **communicate** — to make another or others partakers of; impart; transmit, as new or an idea; **communication**—exchange of ideas, conveyance of information.

A few weeks ago I visited a camp for deaf boys in Pennsylvania. The coach was teaching some of the basics about playing basketball. He gave the boys a bit of advice that I think would help hearing parents to understand better the handicap of deafness. He told them "Your body is deaf but your mind isn't—learn to think like a hearing boy." If we parents would only remember this we could understand the kind of communication that our deaf children need. A deaf child's mind is like a computer and it is our job as parents to see how much we can feed into this computer.

I am sure that you have all been advised to stimulate your child's thinking, so that he will not become withdrawn. How can you stimulate the thinking of a young deaf child? Make opportunities for your child to learn through experience. Even though your communication abilities are limited you can make use of your child's other senses. Arrange to share many experiences with your child such as a train ride, boat ride or an airplane trip. Take your deaf son or daughter to a lake, river, mountain, or just a drive in the country. It is surprising how much you will enjoy these experiences when seeing them through the eyes of your deaf child. There is a togetherness that can be shared that does not need words—this is a special gift waiting for parents of deaf children if they will only reach out for it.

Most of us who have been associated with deaf people soon learn that one talent that most of them have in common is the ability to anticipate ahead of time what will happen. While we hearing parents may not have the gift of antici-

pation—still we need to make every effort to learn to anticipate our deaf children. We need not always wait for our child to ask us questions. We should instead make every effort to volunteer information to them. How can we do this? Explain what is happening when the TV program is interrupted by a news bulletin. When you hang up the telephone tell him who called and why. Remember to explain ahead of time that company is coming for dinner and that Daddy will be out of town overnight on Thursday. These are only a few examples of how you can anticipate your deaf child—I'm sure you can soon form the habit of anticipation if you try.

Remember that the world looks different through the eyes of our deaf children. An experience that we had at our house a couple of years ago serves only to point up this difference clearly. I was talking on the telephone when my son came in and began to tell me something. I stopped talking on the telephone and patiently explained to him that I could not hear on the telephone and listen to him at the same time. His immediate reaction was, "Why not—you have two ears, don't you?"

Not too long after this happened I was talking with my husband while traveling in our car. We were deep in a serious discussion of something very important when Ronnie asked what we were talking about. I told him to wait and I would tell him later. He quickly advised me that our hearing daughter could hear what we were saying.

Of course, he was right, and so I stopped right then to explain our conversation to him.

What do we mean when we say "communicate" with your deaf child? We want you to make an extra effort to truly **exchange ideas** and **convey information** to your hearing handicapped child. Help him to **partake** of the learning opportunities and experiences that can be shared in your family's life. Remember that being deaf can be very lonesome—**Don't let your hearing handicapped child be a stranger in his own home.** With the many language of signs books that

Las Vegas Convention . . .

Something for Everyone

The 1968 NAD Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, will offer deaf convention goers much more than the usual tourist fare.

The glittering "Strip" and downtown casino center attractions will be there, of course, but from the opening social to the closing grand ball the convention committee is preparing a swift-paced schedule with something for everyone.

In the works are a cocktail hour "on the house," with an array of hot and cold appetizers as well as liquid refreshments, a poolside patio party, charm school for the gals, a teen-age club house, the National Theatre of the Deaf, finals of the NAD's Cultural Program contests and a fabulous night club tour. This will be in addition to the usual convention activities. There will be guided tours, luncheons, a presidents' breakfast, banquet, grand ball and reunions.

The facilities at the Flamingo seem especially planned for the deaf. There will be a separate lobby and the meeting rooms and auditoriums can be tailored to the NAD's exact specifications. Everything is air conditioned. Guest rooms are large and luxurious and lend themselves to informal gatherings, with doorside parking. (Take a tip: There are over 25,000 rooms available in Las Vegas, but you cannot beat the Flamingo's special convention rates or convenience. Make reservations early.)

are now available no parent can honestly say that he wants to communicate with his deaf child but doesn't know how. If you want to learn signs contact your state school for the deaf or a church for the deaf. If you cannot find anyone to help you learn signs write to me and I will try to put you in touch with a deaf person in your area. I have always found our deaf citizens more than willing to go the extra mile in helping hearing parents learn to communicate with their deaf children.

I would like to close this column with an excerpt from a letter that I received recently. These words of a deaf man (dean of boys at one of our state schools) can better explain the need for communication than any expression of mine.

"I have been totally deaf since I was a child, can speak in a normal tone, have been to an oral school, a state residential school, a normal 'hearing college,' Gallaudet College and now am attending the University of Missouri. I know from experience that what you say is what every mother in the country should know! The pent up feelings that surged within me wanted release. I wanted to talk to my mother, but couldn't and my only release was to cry myself to sleep at night, all alone. Loneliness can do irreparable damage to the emotions of a youngster who is deprived of the soothing, comforting words of a mother to still his fears in the night. I can still feel this 40 years later!"



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New York. . .

Our New York correspondent is Mrs. Richard H. Myers, 425 W. 205th Street, New York, N. Y. 10034. Mrs. Myers gratefully acknowledges the assistance of Jane Becker who contributed some of the following news items.

New Yorkers taking in Expo 67 included Walter Schulman, Joe Hines, Charles Bronder and Bernard Rothenberg. June Rothenberg spent some three weeks in Norway and quite a few attended the World Congress in Warsaw, Poland.

Vira Zuk Milbank and four children are back in the United States after four years in Germany with Vira's army husband. They are now living in D.C. while her husband is in Vietnam.

The Philip Leeds family spent a couple of weeks in Vermont at a vacation resort and Mrs. Charles Bronder and four boys visited her father in Pennsylvania. Stay-at-homes who were bidden to Lee and Aileen Brodys greatly enjoyed a backyard barbecue in mid-July.

The Arcola Swimming Club in New Jersey had a childless summer with all the children gone to camp, except of course, for the little wee ones. Taking things easy, but missing the children quite a bit were Mr. and Mrs. James Stern, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Solls and the Richard Myerses. Sunbathing, card playing, volleyball and swimming kept them amused but it just wasn't the same without the children!

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Levi have been receiving congratulations upon the birth of a baby boy. Mr. and Mrs. Hlibok also welcomed a baby boy June 24.

Ruth Ann Sussman has been trying out for the National Theatre of the Deaf, taking a three-week course in stage designing.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bronder were feted June 10 upon the occasion of their tenth wedding anniversary. Around 30 attended the festivities which took place at the Long Island home of Robert Lagomarsini and party co-ordinators were Bernard Rothenberg, Alan Winegard, P. Tempesta and R. Fielder who helped Mr. Lagomarsini play host.

A most successful program of lectures, skits and songs was presented by the New York Civic Association during mid-June with Emerson Romero and Steve Zdanko staging a hilarious skit entitled "Lollipops" and Ruth Ann Sussman giving two songs in beautiful signs, in addition to the showing of the film "Silent

World, Muffled World." Albert Berke was presented a plaque, an annual award, for his outstanding services for the deaf the past year. Some 120 persons were in attendance.

The "Flea Market" June 9 at Community Center was quite successful with all types of merchandise for sale as well as a cake and cookie sale. All proceeds went into the Israel Emergency Fund. The same group entertained at a "Caribbean Eve" with dancers from the Katherine Dunham School performing. Carrying out the party theme, tropical food and drink was served.

The annual outing to Jones Beach took place July 8 and quite a crowd showed up, among them Joseph Charm from California, the Max Friedmans, Richard Myerses, Norman Finkelsteins, the Sam Lewises, Rosemary Nikolaus and Harold and a host of others.

Faye Cohen, Jane Becker and Minnie Michel took off for the Dennis Hotel in Atlantic City over the July 4 weekend in an attempt to beat the heat. They came home with beautiful tans.

Going further afield was Ray Beer who toured the Scandinavian countries, and Lloyd Shikin who enjoyed a jaunt to Europe.

Flocking to Expo 67 were many New Yorkers. Among them were the Sterns, the Lerner's, the Brands and the Solls. David Davidowitz did a good job again! A group of 32 people, including 10 from New York, led by Mr. Davidowitz, toured Europe for 21 days.

A dream which finally came true for Richard Myers, who had long desired the post of the eastern grand vice presidency of the NFSD, when he was elected at the July convention.

Lady Luck hit Philip Tempesta's father this month when he won one of the grand prizes in New York State's lottery.

Condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Garrick and Maurice Finston on the death of their beloved daughter and friend, Peggy Ann.

The three-hour drive to Waterford, Conn., the home of the National Theatre of the Deaf, was certainly worth every minute. Upon the visit with Ruth Ann, Allen Sussman, along with Lucy Lewis, Barbara Sachs and Nellie Myers, found every moment there rewarding while observing everything in the theatre operations.

Lots of luck to Violet Armstrong and Andrew Vasnich of New York who were selected to join the NTD. We are looking forward to seeing them on the stage as well as on TV.



Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rasmus of Berkeley, Calif., were honored at a reception given at the Jack London Inn, Oakland, by their four children, Judith, Joyanne, Dennis and Brian, upon the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary June 18. Around 170 people attended to congratulate them and extend best wishes. The cash gift they received at the reception will be used for their trip to Hawaii some day. Mr. Rasmus was the registration chairman during the 1966 NAD convention in San Francisco. Mrs. Rasmus is working at California School for the Deaf as a counselor. Their older daughter, Judith, who graduated from Gallaudet College in the summer of 1966, was just married to Philip Bravin of Canton, Connecticut, also a 1966 graduate of Gallaudet College, and they now are making their home in Canton. The second daughter, Joyanne, is now a sophomore at Gallaudet. Their sons, Dennis and Brian, are students at CSD.

California . . .

"Thank you for the gifts and for the pleasure of your company," was about all a dumbfounded F. A. Caligiuri could say evening of July 15 when what he thought was to be quite a huge "family dinner" turned out to be a birthday party in his honor due to the clever planning of wife Doris and Eleanor Nuernberger, aided and abetted by daughters Toni and Dianne and Dianne's husband, Phil. Gathered around tables set up in the lovely rear garden to enjoy the huge buffet supper, Italian dishes which took two whole days to cook, were George and Dot Young, Odean Rasmussen, Evelyn Ash, Anne Nelson, Herb and Caroline Larson, Kyle and Mae Workman, Lynn and Mary Miller, Charles and Bea Varnes, Pauline Stanton, Lenny and Sally Meyer, Bill and Muffy Brightwell, Jerry Fail, Roger Skinner and Herb and Ruby Schreiber, as well as Lil and Bob Skinner, Don Nuernberger, Bill and Becky Hubbard and Pap and Ginger Nelson who came all the way down from Bakersfield to help Cal live it up. There's nothing quite like a birthday party to help you forget you're just a year older but, then, who cares when your friends consider it a gala occasion?

While stay-at-homes party, others go hither and yon on vacation! The Robert Bairs spent several weeks back east taking in the doings at Detroit as well as the Frat convention; Victoria Cookson postaled from Montreal where she and her cousin Marie Price along with Lenore

Christensen, saw the sights during Japan's "Day" at Expo 67; Connie Sixbery remembered the folks at home during her three-week vacation amid the wonders of Hawaii and Annabelle Fahr obligingly traveled up to Oakland to "dog sit" for Dr. B. B. and Caroline Burnes while they, too, vacationed beneath the waving palms of Waikiki; Etia Priester flew out of LAX July 4 for a month in Cincinnati and Elmer was mighty glad to welcome his "cook" back home the other week; Lucy Sigman attended the Frat convention and visited the homefolks in Arkansas, writing us that she crossed the mighty Mississippi three times in one weekend (by air, of course). Lucy returned to Los Angeles in the very midst of an unseasonal heat wave and declared that she found it cool back east . . . dunno whether to believe her or not!

Perhaps the most wonderful vacation of all was that taken by Myron and Doris Lesniak who left Los Angeles in late June to traverse the Alaskan Highway. They took some beautiful color pictures of a white polar bear . . . stone cold dead, of course, (else Myron would be running yet!) and made the acquaintance of Bob Dick, a deaf pilot, hunter and trapper, who owns his own single-engine plane and took the Lesniaks into isolated camps which otherwise could be reached only by dogsled. Doris is an old hand at flying but, the way Myron tells it, he feels lucky to have survived and states that Bob Dick is quite a personality around the "frozen North." Part of the return trip was made via ferry boat along the fabled Alaska inside passage, because the Alaskan Highway is not only long, but mighty rough, and a happy highlight of their trip was a visit to West Wilson's daughter, Pat, and her husband who have lived long in Alaska and whose warm hospitality knows no bounds. At this writing, the Lesniaks are back home and keep us all in stitches with amusing tales of their wonderful adventures.

July 16 was a happy day for the residents of the California Home for the Aged Deaf in Arcadia as well as for the throng of visitors who attended the open house that afternoon. Those who had been there before were interested in the changes that have taken place during the interval; and first-timers marveled at the homelike atmosphere and the obvious happiness and well-being of the residents. According to Ruth Skinner who presided over the guest book, an unprecedented number of visitors attended that sunny Sunday afternoon, to socialize and sip (five gallons of raspberry punch, no less) and many thanks are due the matrons of the CHAD as well as Evelyn and Emory Gerichs and members of the CHAD Board for making it a pleasant afternoon.

Summer visitors to SouCal included Mr. and Mrs. C. Basil Canon of Franklin, Pa., visiting a month at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Susko in Pasadena, Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Pitzer in Bell Gardens and Mrs. Mary Pitzer in Santa Ana. Char-



Florian A. Caligiuri and wife, Doris, are shown at their La Mirada (California) home at the time Doris and Mrs. Eleanor Nuernberger entertained a host of friends at supper upon the occasion of Cal's birthday July 15.

lotte Harmonson drove in from Las Vegas to visit the children and grandchildren in the Los Angeles Long Beach area as well as Waverly and Myrtle Dyke in Norwalk and take in a big Saturday night at the Los Angeles Club . . . which certainly covered a lot of territory, seeing as she was in town for just the weekend.

Our condolences to Ronald Crippen at the loss of his beloved grandmother who passed away in Norwalk July 5. Mother Mary was unable to make the trip to North Carolina for the burial, so Ronnie flew to Lincolnton to arrange the funeral service, returning a week later.

Sympathy is also extended to Patricia Luna at the passing of her father in Tucson July 19 following a long battle with emphysema. Pat's husband, Frank, and his sister, Hope Paxton, also mourn the death of their mother who passed away in early May.

With both their wives back east, it was only proper that Marvin Greenstone and Saul Lukacs make use of their vacations to enplane for NYC. The two left LAX August 15 and should be bringing the gals home soon after Labor Day . . . the Greenstones to Van Nuys and Saul and Pat to Long Beach. With all those TV dinners, Saul and Marvin turned out to be the best cooks you ever "thaw" . . . and want no more of 'em!

Charles and Grace Townsend spent three weeks driving to and from Columbus, Ohio, taking Ethel Smethers with them when they headed back to California. They stopped over in Las Vegas to let Ethel see the sights . . . and do any of you remember the first time you saw the bright lights of Neonville? Ethel stayed with the Townsends in Bell and toured the southland before she reluctantly enplaned home. The Townsends also stopped in Kansas to see the Mario Benedets during their tour.

Pauline and Clifford Putnam of Los An-

geles were ready and waiting when Pauline's sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and James Rayhill of Springfield, Illinois, arrived in Los Angeles several weeks ago. But what the Rayhills didn't tell them was that Pauline's other sister, Frances Baliva, was also accompanying them. So it was a gladsome surprise for the three sisters who had not been together in many a year. The Putmans went all-out to entertain the trio, taking them to the usual places like Disneyland and Knott's, as well as Long Beach's Nu-Pike and Los Angeles' Chinatown and Farmer's Market and a tour of Universal Studios. Frances and the Rayhills returned to Illinois via San Francisco and now Pauline is thinking of flying to Springfield to see her sisters all over again.

Dreams of riding outriggers through the breakers in the shadow of Diamond Head keep dancing through Ruby (Mrs. Herb) Schreiber's head as she happily prepares to fly to Honolulu in mid-September. Ruby will spend her two-week vacation emulating the swaying palms and taking the Islands Tour, eating bananas and roast pig when she isn't writing postcards or (as so many of us seem to do) writing home for more money and hoping for an extension of vacation time. If we know Herb, he is gonna insist on a round-trip ticket before she departs Los Angeles International.

Life continues to be just one long honeymoon for those two Los Angeles couples who were married earlier this year: Maria Varela and George Ventra and Sylvia Acosta and Oliver K. Sandager. There's another wedding coming up, one everybody has been anticipating for over a year, that of Linda Heilman and Alex Spiak. Alex is the popular "man behind the bar" at the Los Angeles Club and Linda is the lovable assistant matron at the CHAD. Hear tell the two will say "I do" in ceremonies which will be held at the CHAD. Most appropriate because all the Home residents love Linda and will want to be in on the doings, so it looks like there will be another lively gathering out in Arcadia anon.

Incidentally, when Linda returned from her vacation in Arkansas, she brought Mrs. Ellick Sigman back with her. Mrs. Sigman is the mother of Mrs. Mattie Moore, matron at the CHAD, and an aunt of Lucy Sigman, president of the CHAD Board of Directors. Mrs. Sigman is visiting at the Home and enjoying it immensely.

Marilyn and Morton Bayarsky of Riverside write that they now have four children with the recent arrival of a girl, Melinda Ann, making it two boys and two girls. Mark is now five years old and Mike is four while Marlene is aged 18 months.

Marilyn's letter also contained a few notes on the doings of localities around the Riverside area and we're always interested in what's going on elsewhere in California. Larry and Betty Newman are in the process of building a new home and Michael and Elodie Wukanovich have



Ruth Rayhill (left) and Frances Baliva (right) of Springfield, Ill., enjoyed a happy reunion with their sister, Pauline Putman (center) when the former two visited Los Angeles during July.

added several additions to their home while Toivo and Lucille Lindholm engaged the services of Ed Gonzales (Los Angeles) in painting their home throughout.

Carl Barber, as usual, was away all summer studying at Gallaudet. Pat Kitchen traveled far away to the wonders of Hawaii and Tahiti. Madeline Mussmanno went even farther afield, visiting several foreign countries. Hazel and Robert Davis spent all summer up in Oregon where they built a cabin. Several of their friends went up there for a week to view the magnificent results of their labors. Rhoda Clark and her mother, Ida, worked like beavers all the summer months adding numerous improvements to the new house Rhoda bought. Nicky Elliott located a nice little apartment much to his liking in Riverside. Nicky lives close to what is known as Motel-Restaurant Row close to downtown.

Ailene Schmidt enjoyed a perfect setup by spending the hot months with the children at San Clemente State Park which is convenient to the beach. Her sister, Bernice Singleton, and children were down part of the time also. The Seymour Bernsteins vacationed at lovely Lake Tahoe and the Ed Holoniyas motored to Kansas where they visited with the Mortensons.

CAD President Hal Ramger spent six weeks around the Los Angeles area on business, renting an apartment near the Sunset Strip and only a block from Pandora's Box which, alas, was razed just about the time he arrived, and replaced with the usual parking lot. Hal flew home to Oakland each Friday and returned each Sunday. Then on August 23, he drove home to make last-minute plans for the San Diego convention. Hal and Cato and the two little girls will move into their beautiful new home around September 11, having just recently sold their present home. Hal will breathe a huge sigh of relief, you can bet. He spent a year and a half building the new house and we hear it is even more palatial than the other.

Colorado . . .

The children of Walter and Virginia Schmidt gave a surprise reception for their parents at the Silent Athletic Club Building on June 25. A large crowd turned out to honor the Schmidts upon their silver wedding anniversary which actually was on July 4.

Miss Sandra Klein and Jerome Moers are employees of IBM at Niwot. Mrs. Rolanda Younger had been a temporary employee and hopes to be called back soon. Mr. Moers and his family recently moved back to Denver from Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Deschler are newcomers to Denver. Ron was with the New Mexico School for the Deaf before his marriage and later they moved to Denver where he is now a linotype operator at the Denver Post.

Miss Ione Dibble was in the East attending the reunion at Gallaudet College and then the teachers convention at West Hartford, Conn., during June. Rev. and Mrs. Homer E. Grace attended the reunion at Gallaudet College.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fraser motored east to meet Rev. and Mrs. Grace at Washington, D. C., and to take them to Syracuse, N. Y., to attend the Episcopal Conference of the Deaf late in June. The Frasers went on to take a leisurely trip throughout the East while the Graces returned home by plane via Chicago where they visited kinfolks.

In June, Mrs. John L. Buckmaster of Colorado Springs flew to South Dakota to visit with her parents and grandmother. Then she visited her Danish cousins, Dr. and Mrs. Julian Gordon, in New York City for several days. Nancy attended the Gallaudet College reunion.

On July 13, John Carlson departed for a three-week visit in the East—Washington, D. C., New York, Boston and Montreal and Expo 67. The same day found James Tuskey leaving for San Francisco to visit his daughter, Mrs. Cecelia Seimanski of Oakland, and also his son

Clifford and family of Santa Rosa. He planned to visit his brother and sister in Santa Barbara and the W. E. Dykeses of Downey. The day before his departure he celebrated his 79th birthday.

The Ronald Nesters, of Wichita, Kans., announced the birth of a boy, Randall Blecha, on June 28. The Nesters lived in Denver and worked for Samsonite Corp. before moving to Wichita over a year ago.

The Loren Elstad family spent their vacation at Devil's Head, North Dakota, with the elder Elstads. Mrs. Eleanor Propp and son of Lincoln, Nebr., spent a week visiting the Elstads in Denver before she returned to Lincoln on July 11.

Fred Schmidt, Arthur Cornish and Roland Greb are in the new Samsonite plant at Montebello, where they are very much pleased with the new location after many years at the Broadway plant. Before long all the employees at the old Shwayder plant on South Broadway will move to that location upon completion of the building now under construction.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard O'Toole and son David spent a day visiting in Yoder, Wyoming, during the closing of Shwayder's.

Miss Lenore Bible and Miss Mae Strandberg of Los Angeles were houseguests of Mrs. Margaret Herbold during the bowling tournament the first part of July. Denver friends were delighted to meet Mrs. Iona Simpson of Arcadia, Calif., who came for the event. The tourney turned out very successful due to the hard work of the committee and Chairman Fred Schmidt and NDBA Secretary-Treasurer Don Warnick. Mrs. Ruby Pavalko and Mrs. Carol Moers of Denver, with the assistance of Miss Georgetta Graybill of Kansas City, Mo., were in charge of the women's events.

Lou Pandula of San Francisco was John Flores' houseguest during the bowling tournament. Lou has been employed at a hospital where several deaf persons are working as mail carriers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lincoln of Los Angeles were also tournament visitors. It was Gordon's first visit to Colorado in 27 years.

While in Denver, Mrs. Iona Simpson was the houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Norton.

Kenneth Garner of Grand Island, Nebr., was the houseguest of the Robert Bundys during the tournament. Kenneth worked in Denver before he moved back to Nebraska years ago. He has also lived in Seattle, Wash.

Missouri-Kansas . . .

Louis J. Weber, Coast Guard chief quartermaster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Weber, Olathe, spent his 30-day leave with his parents. He reported he had been in Antarctica breaking the ice and stayed there seven months where the temperatures were about 67 below zero. He was just promoted to warrant officer and has left for Maryland to pick up a new Coast Guard boat and to train a crew.

Pvt. Dean E. Tompkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Tompkins of Kansas City,

Mo., completed eight weeks of advanced training as a combat engineer at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and is now in Germany.

A2C Ronald Whitlock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Whitlock of Kansas City, Kans., completed training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and after a two-week furlough with his parents he departed for Vietnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Teaney received word that their son, Herbert, Jr., had been wounded in action in Vietnam. He is now in satisfactory condition.

Paul Barnes of Hayward, Calif., and his sister, Mrs. Jeanne Dreiling, and her three children of San Jose, Calif., spent a week with their parents and relatives in Liberty, Mo., recently.

Miss Erlene Graybill motored north to Rockford, Ill., to participate in the ladies bowling tourney in April. Then she went to visit Mrs. Donna LaPlane Waterstreet, the Mark Carter family and the Luther Stacks of Delavan, Wis. She spent two days in Chicago visiting old friends and for the rest of her vacation week she stayed with the Odis Landsverk family in Ankeney, Iowa, and then participated in the Des Moines ladies bowling tournament. She enjoyed her vacation but did not win any bowling prizes.

In May, Victor Brunke and Clem Dillenschneider visited their alma mater, the Missouri School in Fulton, for four days. Vic had not seen the new school since he left 50 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Mario Benedet have moved to Pittsburg, Kans., from Los Angeles. They bought a new home and are now settled. Mario retired last year.

During the months of May and June Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Roberts of Los Angeles spent their vacation in Missouri, Illinois, New York and Wisconsin. They stopped in Kansas City, Mo., and spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green. The Greens took the Roberts to Fulton to visit the Missouri School from which Ralph graduated 46 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Falberg of Overland Park, Kans., spent a weekend in Racine, Wis., where Roger was guest speaker at the Rac-Keno Club of the Deaf (Racine-Kenosha) which was established about 10 years ago. About 200 people attended the affair, which was the 10th anniversary of the club.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Vohs of Kansas City, Mo., saw their granddaughter graduate from Lamar (Missouri) High School last spring. She won a scholarship and will attend the University of Missouri this fall.

Miss Mary Kay Eberhardt of Kansas City, Mo., was honored at a bridal shower in April at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Shoptaw. Miss Eberhardt and Marvin Lee Thomas were married on June 17.

Larry Paul Morgan, 24, of South Park, Kans., was killed when his motorcycle collided with a car on May 25. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Morgan who recently moved back to South Park after living in Cascade, Colo., for a number of years.

Nebraska . . .

Eleanor Propp left George at home in Lincoln and her two daughters with George's parents at Scottsbluff on her way to Denver with her two boys. In Denver she spent some time with her sister Mary Elstad and had an enjoyable time there. Her return trip by way of Scottsbluff was shortened by the report that George was ill and in the hospital, but he had recovered by the time she returned home and was back in school at the University of Nebraska.

Harry Lee of Omaha was in California for the wedding of Jim Rewolinski in July. Harry plans to start work with Omaha Mutual Insurance Co. this fall.

Gary Olsen who will teach at the Indiana School this fall was married in Washington, D. C., to the sister of Larry Forestal, one of our NSD teachers. Miss Forestal is from New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Neval Young of Akron, Colo., attended the Nebraska Association of the Deaf convention in June for three days and stayed in Lincoln for four additional days as the guests of Mary Sabin. Mrs. Sabin had a luncheon in their honor and invited Mrs. Berton Leavitt, Mrs. Stacia Cody, Mrs. Maude Burlew, Mrs. Bertha Holland, Mrs. Bernice Kuster, Miss Emma Marshall, Mrs. Emma Mappes and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Marshall. The group very much enjoyed seeing the slides which the Marshalls showed of their trip to Europe.

Mrs. Emma Mappes made another trip in July, this time to Sioux City, Iowa, where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Good. Mrs. Hattie Lee, sister of Mrs. Good, was also there at that time. They all motored to Sheldon, Iowa, one

day to call on Mrs. Sophia Sievert and Mrs. Stacia Cody who was visiting there.

Janet and Preston Best of Fremont observed their 25th wedding anniversary with an open house for their friends at the home of Janet's father in Lincoln.

Martha Jane and Frank Dunham, now of Swartz Creek, Mich., but former residents of Lincoln, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on June 25 in Flint, Mich. In Omaha three couples were planning 25th anniversaries in August: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Eggleston, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Degenhardt and Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Miller.

The Gerald Badmans of Dewitt, Nebr., had a real nice party, attended by more than 90 deaf, to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary July 29 at Cushman Cafeteria in Lincoln.

Tony Palermo of Minneapolis paid a visit to his sister, Fannie Lindberg, of Lincoln, in July. His visit was saddened by the death of his brother Sam while he was in Omaha.

Mary Ann Klein was married on June 3 to Delmar Lee Carlson at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Burchard, Nebr. Mary Ann is a product of NSD while Delmar attended the Kansas School. Carol Ennen and Richard Harrison were married at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Omaha on July 29.

George G. Terpenning, 68, was found dead in his home at Sheridan, Wyoming, on February 7, apparently from natural causes. Mr. Terpenning was born September 22, 1899, in Arnold, Nebr., and moved to Sheridan in the mid-thirties. He attended the Nebraska School but

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The Philadelphia Swimfest--A Picture Story

By ED CARNEY and ART KRUGER

Perhaps some sort of marker should be erected in Philadelphia with the following inscription: "Here lies the record book. Pax Vobiscum!"

Verily, the records took a decided and resounding battering, especially from the ladies, at the enormously successful first National Invitational Swimming Meet which was held on May 19-20-21, 1967, in Philadelphia, Pa. When the 25 men and 16 women young entrants had completed their individual and combined assault, an almost unbelievable total of 14 new records had been set, including an incredible five world records for deaf women.

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Society for the Advance-

ment of the Deaf under the very capable chairmanship of Anthony (Tony) Panella, recent inductee into the AAAD Hall of Fame, competitions were held in the spacious Philadelphia Aquatic Club. The facilities at this pool certainly rank with the best in the nation and include an Olympic-size 500 meter pool. And judges and timers all were experienced people—some of them high-ranked in AAU circles, who rechecked the official Bulova stopwatches for accuracy.

Those photos appearing in this issue arrived too late to go with coverage of the first national swimfest in last month's DEAF AMERICAN. They were taken by Frank Mescol, who himself earns a living as a photographer.



TOP PERFORMERS—These three brilliant mermaids in the picture at the left posed after the finish of the 100-meter freestyle race, in which JoAnne Robinson, lithe and rapid Vancouver, B.C., Canada lass, lowered her own world deaf record to 1:11.2. JoAnne is at left. Middle is Terry Shistar of San Anselmo, Calif., who finished second in 1:12.2 for a new American deaf standard, while Kathy Sallade (right) of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., was third in 1:15.0 which also bettered the American deaf mark of 1:18.4 set by Marie Amato in 1964. Amato, by the way, did not compete in this event, as each entrant was limited to three individual events. Right: Standing with Art Kruger are three top male swimmers of the Philadelphia swimfest... left to right... Rodney Moreland of Olympia, Wash., Edward Ford of Gloversdale, B.C., and Fred Savinsky of Warren, Mich. Rodney Moreland, who will be a senior at Gallaudet College this fall, cracked the American deaf record for men's 100 meter freestyle with a 1:03.0 performance. Despite the presence and participation of Fred Savinsky and Calvin Mikasa, who between them hold five of the six individual records for American deaf men, no additional records were broken by the male swimmers at the Philadelphia meet. Savinsky managed to add one new record to his long list by flailing his way to a very respectable 2:44.7 time in the 200-meter individual medley, a newly-added event. Fred had no competition in the 400-meter freestyle and 200-meter butterfly and won both events easily, 5:19.5 and 2:36.7 respectively. Edward Ford, a 15-year-old student of the Jericho Hill School for the Deaf, captured the 1,500-meter freestyle in 22:42.2.



Left—The highlight of the Saturday evening program was the unveiling of the Junior NAD Art Kruger Athlete of the Year Award. Here Art proudly displays this award with Frank Turk, who is National Director of the Junior NAD. Winner of this first Art Kruger Athlete of the Year Award was Ken Pedersen of the California School for the Deaf in Berkeley. Right—The results of the first national swimfest brought the biggest smiles to the faces of those officials who were present at this historic meet. Left to right are Tony Panella, general chairman of the meet; Alex Fleischman of Greenbelt, Md., team director of USA-WGD Committee; Ed Carney of Beltsville, Md., a member of the USA-AAAD Records Commission; Art Kruger of West Los Angeles, Calif., chairman of the USA-WGD Committee; Sol Deitch of Chicago, Ill., who made awards and trophies for this meet; Jim Barrack of Towson, Md., AAAD president and vice chairman of USA-WGD Committee; Charles Boyd, meet director, and Nathan Zimble, a member of the meet committee. The smiles were brought on by the fact that even though our girls established new world records by impressive margins, not all of our known best swimmers were able to enter this meet. When we finally do get all of our best swimmers together and pick relay teams to compete in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, in August 1969—well, let's just say that the USA prospects in swimming are very bright indeed. All of us are in accord that much praise of a high order is due the local committee of the PSAD for excellent planning and execution of the first national meet. We hope that the success of the PSAD will encourage organizations elsewhere to undertake similar types of national-scale competition in other sports.

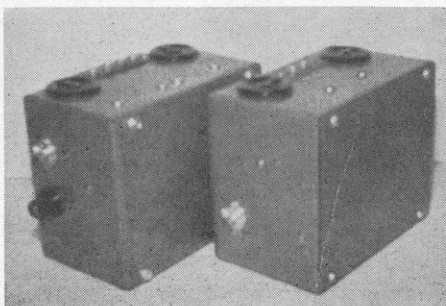


Here five Canadians and two Americans stand before the start of the 400-meter freestyle at the Philadelphia swimfest. No. 1 is Vickie Webster of Vancouver, B. C.; No. 2, Judie Bennett of Nanaimo, B. C., and a senior at Gallaudet College; No. 3, Marie Amato of Norristown, Pa.; No. 4, Terry Shistar of San Anselmo, Calif.; No. 5, JoAnne Robinson of Vancouver, B. C.; No. 6, Linda Heavenor of Powell River, B. C.; and No. 7, Patricia Fraser of Vancouver, B. C. Terry Shistar, a winsome 18-year-old blonde high school student, caused a sensation among the officials and spectators as she posted a winning time of 5:43.8. This was a stunning 6.4 seconds below the previous world record set by JoAnne Robinson at the '65 Games, and a whopping 9.1 seconds better than the old American deaf standard. Robinson, who finished second, also bettered her world mark with a 5:48.4 clocking. Amato was third in 6:02.5.

Junior NAD Activities



GALLAUDET CHAPTER OF JUNIOR NAD—One of the most enthusiastic—and without question the largest—chapters of the Junior National Association of the Deaf is the one composed of Gallaudet College Preparatory students. This group picture was made last May just prior to the summer vacation. Among the services rendered by this chapter was hundreds of hours of "paper work" in the NAD Home Office.



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Nebraska . . .

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left before graduating.

Joe "Yata" Rosenberg, about 57, died in Las Vegas, Nevada, early in June. He was born in Poland and attended Omaha Tech High School until he became deaf from a dive while swimming at the age of 16. He had worked as a dealer at one of the Las Vegas casinos for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Wadja of Council Bluffs announce the birth of a daughter on June 30. They have had six boys in a row before the little girl came along.

Minnie Engel, Emma Goodin and Margaret Peterson have been enjoying themselves visiting their hearing sister in California.

Frank and Ann Benedict of Cincinnati, Ohio, spent two weeks of their vacation in Florida and the last week in Lincoln.

Lily Schelert, a 1967 graduate of Gallaudet College, visited her mother in Lincoln during the summer while waiting to begin teaching at the Illinois School for the Deaf.

Edwin and Jewell (Toombs) Stortz of Salem, Oregon, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Berton Leavitt of Lincoln during July. Jewell was a classmate of Irene at NSD.

Alfred and Margaret Marshall of Danville, Kentucky, were visitors in Lincoln for nearly two weeks during which they attended the Nebraska Association of the Deaf convention.

On June 18, Myron Prok was installed as pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Indianapolis. Myron's mother-in-law, Dora Miller of Omaha, visited Shirley in Indiana while Myron attended a church conference in New York during July.

The Glen Ogiers of Wakefield, Nebr., in addition to their mink business, have undertaken a new project, raising Christmas trees.

The John Rewolinskis of Omaha were in California for the wedding of their son Jim to Joan Hersh. We hear it was a double wedding with Joan's sister Muriel marrying David Freeman.

Viola Morin of Lincoln spent several weeks in Winnipeg, Canada, visiting relatives.

The Delbert Ericksons recently purchased a new split level house in the northwestern part of Omaha. Delbert, instructor at the NSD, was attending Gallaudet College this summer when he suffered an apparently mild heart attack.

Mrs. Edith Wyckoff, a former NSD teacher, will be celebrating her 90th birthday on September 23. She now lives at 1365 Marion St., N.E., Salem, Oregon.

Mrs. Ralph Shade (Ruth Bonnet) of South Gate, Calif., visited Mrs. Etta Peacher, her grandmother now 92 years old, at the home for aged deaf at Arcadia, Calif., some time ago and found her looking well. Both Ruth and Mrs. Peacher are former Nebraskans.



Humor

AMONG THE DEAF

By Toivo Lindholm

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Mrs. Elizabeth S. Carlos, on her way home to the Philippines after attending the International Conference on Oral Education of the Deaf in Northampton, Massachusetts, and New York City, the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf at Hartford, Connecticut, and a workshop on cued speech, Gallaudet College, stopped in Riverside, California, for a few days. She gave us this piece for the Humor page:

Leon Auerbach, very deaf, was expounding a theory in mathematics to his class at Gallaudet. At its conclusion he asked, "Any questions? I'm all ears."

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This came from the elusive U-no who was nameless because the card this time was unsigned:

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"A cold is both positive and negative; sometimes the eyes have it and sometimes the nose."—William Lyon Phelps (1865-1943), American author, educator, and critic.

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Julian Singleton sent a clipping torn from **Parade's** Special Intelligence Report:

On September 3, this year, Sweden is changing from driving on the left to driving on the right. (Says the report) "special information has been devised for the deaf, dumb, and blind."

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Julian Singleton sent a clipping, this one from Oakland **Tribune**:

In Ann Landers, there was a letter from a mother of five boys, who complained that her mother-in-law "heckled" her for "one more" on the chance that the next baby would be a girl. She wanted to know how she could get her mother-in-law off her back. Wrote Ann:

"Dear Heck: Smile sweetly and pretend you have a dead battery in your hearing aid."

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Velma McAlister, Dallas, Texas, family visiting the R. L. Davises in Riverside, tells this one:

When she was a girl, Velma wrote a farmers' periodical, perhaps **Capper's Weekly**, espousing the learning by hearing people of the language of signs, the finger alphabet at least. She gave this story to bolster her argument thereto:

A would-be robber entered the kitchen of a farmhouse while the husband was busy in the barn, and demanded money of the farmer's wife, who was alone in the house. Just then the two heard steps on the back porch. The robber hid himself under a bed in an adjoining room, threatening to shoot if the wife told the

husband of his presence.

The farmer entered the kitchen, and the wife, in the language of signs of the deaf, told him their predicament and asked him to go for help. He went out and the brave wife pretended to busy herself in the house.

The husband presently entered with a policeman and the robber surrendered peacefully. The robber was puzzled to know how come, since he heard nary a word spoken.

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Thelma Tunstall tells of a time, years ago, when she was in Biloxi, Mississippi, and a day when she was visiting a deaf lady. She was asked if she'd like some tea. Yes. The deaf hostess set a kettle of water on the stove.

Suddenly, a few minutes later, there was a shrill noise, and Thelma, scared out of her wits, got up and ran around the house, in and out, trying to find the source. It was not a fire engine, not an ambulance with siren going full blast, not a water heater nearing explosion point, but the noise was loud and incessant. It seemed loudest near the kitchen, and brave Thelma went there to see if it could be something near catastrophic around the stove.

It was the whistling kettle giving forth in fine voice like a prima donna. The heat was turned off, tea was made ready, both host and guest simmered down back to normal and the incident was forgotten—till now when Thelma turned reminiscent.

Now, since the hostess had the selfsame kettle for some time before this excitement, and the selfsame kettle had given forth many a raucous performance, why hadn't the hearing occupants of the house, the close neighbors, other visiting friends, called the attention of this deaf lady to this terrible din? Perhaps, because of this daily racket, have they all become accustomed to it, their sensibility dulled, or what? Or did they think this deaf lady, poor soul, needed the shrill noise to tickle her esthesia, what hearing she may have left, albeit the lady was obviously absolutely stone deaf?

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Wrote Alexander L. Pach, New York, in the old **Silent Worker** of December 1925:

That was an awful shock a hotel clerk in Hartford, Connecticut, got during a recent celebration, when two deaf men from the ultra rural district made a written request for "a room with bed-twins."

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The following did not come from the "5 F's":

Silence is a great virtue, it covers folly, keeps secrets, avoids disputes and prevents sin.—Wm. Penn.

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"THEY CAN'T HEAR, BUT THEY GET THE MESSAGE"

So said the Honorable Judge Finesilver, Denver, Colorado, who started the first real course in auto driver training for the deaf in this country.

Let's go back a couple hundred or more years. There were deaf people then, but they were thought uneducable, unsavable, little better than the beasts of the field and forest. Little effort was made to pierce the wall between them and the normal life. So had it been for millenniums of time.

Then came a period of time when scribes in monasteries laboring over scrolls and tablets in their incessant copying of manuscripts (there was no printing like we have it now) demanded silence for their concentration. Or was it monks who must needs have silence in their hours of prayer and meditation? In either case there were many moments when intelligence had to be passed from one person to another. Signs came into general use, and then letters on hands were invented (How do you spell this word or that, scribes could conceivably have asked) or (I feel hot and faint and need fresh air, monks may have signed.)

Then came Abbe de l'Epee and Abbe Sicard and others before and after them who penetrated the gloom in the lives of the deaf and brought light and life to the otherwise mentally-dead and despised deaf. For this country the great benefactor was Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet. For the first time the deaf started to get the message—to communicate, to labor, to be useful.

From this simple beginning, schools for the enlightenment of the deaf, spiritually, mentally and in general behavior, sprang up, mushroomed. All deaf persons were afforded a chance to be normal within the four-sense capacity, generally speaking. Before that, four senses apparently were insufficient. Manual training and in operation of machines in shops are now taught, and now the deaf drive cars on streets and highways. They marry, raise families, own property. Gates to normalcy were unlocked and bars knocked down. And today, by court adjudication the deaf are deemed normal and capable enough to adopt and raise children (the Christensen child adoption case in Los Angeles).

Alexander Graham Bell, working on a mechanical device to bring hearing to the deaf, stumbled on the telephone. Later developments in other fields brought in the hearing aids.

In this time, in the world of mechanical and electronic advancement, conquest of diseases, more doors are opening, and the deaf more and more are "getting the message" across to them.

Thank God! for America that believes in schools for its people, that believes in training the handicapped to take care

of themselves to the extent that later they may be able to pay back through regular taxes—instead of having huge tax-consuming facilities to take care of “wards of the state” for life.

So we still get the message more through other senses than hearing. Pray God! we shall have no restrictions in methods of teaching to continue to grow, being handicapped enough. It is fallacious to ascribe to a majority of us super-human ability to divine words and sense on lips most normal beings cannot read without benefit of sound. Those of us who from birth to formative years have had our remaining sense benumbed, atrophied somewhat from lack of use, those of us four to eight years behind normal school children. It is a calamity so many think we can all be “the gifted few,” we who must run five laps to win a race of four laps, so to speak. A hobbled horse never can go far. Those falling out are neglected, who most need help.

Pray God! we'll so conduct ourselves on the highways and byways, and elsewhere to continue to keep our precious, long overdue, hard-won rights and privileges of human beings and to let be known that we are no different from other homo sapiens, lacking only the sense of hearing. Remember, we've had this God-given right, life, liberty and pursuit of happiness for only some two centuries. And all this in about the entire lifetime of America.

America,

“... the gem of the ocean,
The home of the brave and the free,
The shrine of each patriot's devotion.”

South Carolina Deaf Association Told Of Improvements

(The following story by Robert G. Liming, staff writer of the Greenville News, is an example of good coverage of a state association convention.)

Members of the South Carolina Association of the Deaf were urged to strive for increased improvement in all fields concerning the deaf by speakers addressing the afternoon session (Friday, August 11, 1967) of the 24th biennial convention here.

Robert O. Lankenau of Akron, Ohio, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the National Association of the Deaf, urged the audience of over 100 to support the national association by voting to become a cooperating association.

He said “The government recognizes the fact that we represent the interested deaf and hard of hearing of our country.” The supervising chemist for Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. stressed the fact that . . . “the association is only as strong as the local groups wish to make it.”

According to Mr. Lankenau, the national association has improved relations with the Civil Service Commission, formed an active committee to discourage unfavorable legislation in Congress, encouraged the creation of more job opportunities and has provided members and interested parties with a national publication called THE DEAF AMERICAN.

Following his address, Charles Wilson of Columbia, president of the South Carolina Association, introduced the other speaker of the afternoon, Laurens Walker,

superintendent of the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind at Spartanburg.

He explained that the school will begin to instruct the pupils in grades one through eight using the highly recommended “Rochester Method.” This is a program in which deaf students are taught to speak, read lips and use fingers to spell out complete words rather than use hand signs to symbolize full words and sentences.

The faculty of the school will take part in a two-day training program later in the month to train them in the use of new equipment and techniques. Mr. Walker said Dr. Samuel R. Fudge of the University of North Carolina School of Social Work will explain the responsibilities and duties of teachers and caretakers.

Mr. Lankenau gave his entire address by the use of the language of signs while Mr. Walker spoke and was interpreted by his brother, who relayed his address to the audience which was nearly 100 per cent deaf.

The business session which followed saw an overwhelming vote for joining the National Association of the Deaf as a cooperating member commencing in 1968.

The next day at the Saturday morning session the following new officers were elected to guide the association for the



SCAD 'PREXY' GIVES WORD—The South Carolina Association of the Deaf, concluding a meeting in Greenville on August 12, elected officers for the coming two years. They are, left to right: Harland Bryant, Pacolet, president; J. K. Lathem, Easley, vice president; Miss Alice Miller, Cleveland, secretary; and Edward Baker, Columbia, treasurer. This was the 24th biennial convention of the SCAD. The 1969 meeting will be in Spartanburg.

next two years: Harland Bryant of Pacolet, president; J. K. Lathem of Easley, vice president; Miss Alice Miller of Cleveland, secretary; and Edward Baker of Columbia, treasurer.

Other members of the board are: Reuben B. Reeves, Mr. Kerr and Carlisle Saunders. The next convention will be held in Spartanburg in 1969.

The association banquet was held in the Jack Tarr Poinsett Hotel on Saturday

evening, August 12. The hall was filled with over 200 people and Louie J. Fant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louie J. Fant, Sr., of Landova, Maryland, and now a member of the Eugene O'Neill Memorial Theatre Foundation, Inc., the National Theatre of the Deaf, was guest speaker. Reuben Reeves acted as toastmaster for the evening. The convention was ably managed by Jack Cely of Easley and a host of helpers who did a wonderful job.



Stalling Along...

By STAHL BUTLER, Executive Director

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This month's guest column has been contributed by John R. Smucker, executive director of the Michigan Association for the Deaf, Inc.

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As you and I have read the pages of THE DEAF AMERICAN during the past year, we have read of many new projects for services to the deaf. Times and attitudes have changed. One particular change has taken place in Michigan. The Michigan Association of the Deaf, Inc., has taken on a new look.

Enthusiasm and cooperation have made the difference. And who are we talking about? The members of the MAD itself.

For years we limped along complaining about the services available from vocational rehabilitation, school systems and employment agencies. Then the MAD board of directors had an idea. Why complain? It did not seem to help change the picture of services. Why not do something ourselves? We had the complaints; we must also have some solutions to offer.

When Gerald Adler, then president of the MAD, came back from a Vocational Rehabilitation Administration - sponsored workshop at Fort Monroe, Virginia, he put the idea into motion. Jerry, Richard Johnson (MAD secretary at that time) and Thomas Mayes (Mott Program, Flint Board of Education) are all self-starters. They wrote up a proposal for presentation to the Michigan United Fund.

The idea was simple—let the MAD itself decide what the needs of the deaf are and let the MAD itself develop a program to meet those needs with MUF funding. No idea, no matter how simple or how good, receives immediate support. Four years went by the boards before the office door was opened in August 1966 at Flint. Four long years, many meetings and much sweat went into the development and selling of the MAD plan.

The important feature was to start small, gain practical experience and then expand throughout the state as the germ carried the "dis-ease" to other Michigan communities. The germ was nothing more than the concept that the base of

operations is a local Community Council of the Deaf. The makeup of the Community Council is deaf leaders, grassroots deaf citizens and hearing persons who both listen and support what the deaf know is good for themselves.

Our philosophy: A Community Council is made up of a cross-section of people who have an interest in the welfare of the deaf, e.g., persons representing social and family services, physical and mental health, education, employment, business and industry, recreation and persons who themselves are deaf and who can express a representative viewpoint of deaf people in their communities. A council may also include parents of deaf children.

The main purpose of the Community Council is to **identify needs** of deaf persons young and old. Needs may vary community to community, depending on available services and the quality and effectiveness of those services. The Community Council may also suggest guidelines in procuring additional services or the establishment of resources which may benefit deaf people or help deaf people to help themselves. The attainment of these objectives should then become the pursuit of the Michigan Association of the Deaf in support of the local Community Council.

Essentially, this council serves as the mainspring of the community action for upgrading the economic, cultural and social welfare of the deaf.

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Beginning in Flint with this Community Council base of operations, we established adult education classes in current events, English and vocabulary improvement, cultural appreciation and adult speech correction. Classes were tailored to the interests of the participants. If a class succeeded—fine. If a class failed—O.K., then try another approach.

A senior citizens group has been organized. In cooperation with the Michigan School for the Deaf, a parents information group is assisting parents in the area to develop better communication and

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understanding about the process of education.

The class in basic fingerspelling and the language of signs is continuing and a class in interpreter training has been instituted.

The Mott Program and Dr. Ray Jones, of San Fernando Valley College in California, sponsored a three-day workshop in the use of the telephone speech indicator for 12 leaders in the area. These leaders will in turn teach others to use this device.

Whereas adult education is the backbone of the new Community Council program, other goals are being worked on. These are a registry of interpreters under the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, liaison with community agencies to develop counseling services for individuals and families and participation in research projects.

New Community Councils have been launched in Detroit and Grand Rapids. These councils are searching out their own local needs and are planning to meet these needs on the local community level.

The significance of this project is great for us. It means that when we participate in the planning and promotion of our own point of view we can accomplish reasonable goals together. There must be grassroots participation. That is the key. We do not want to be told what to do; we want to show what we can and will do given the proper tools.

Other communities and other state associations are working on their own plans. That is good. We in Michigan have just begun. There will be ups and downs, successes and failures. But we intend to evaluate our progress, make changes and find solutions that best suit our local needs.

Overset . . .

From time THE DEAF AMERICAN accumulates what printers and editors call "overset." We are starting a new department to use up this "overset" from time to time. This month's items are from Toive Lindholm's "Humor Among the Deaf."

HE OUGHT TO BUY CURRIER'S CONICO-CYLINDRICAL DUPLEX EAR-TUBE

Oh, very deaf is the tyrant's ear
To the captive doomed to die;
The slaver's heart is slow to hear
The poor slave's piteous cry;
The judge hears not the cry of pain
That wracks the prisoner sore,
Unheard is the beggar's plaintive strain
As he turns from the rich man's door;
Oh, very deaf to her lover's strains
Is a coquette's heartless mirth;
But a horse-car conductor, when it rains,
Is the deafest thing on earth.

—Tid-Bits (Circa 1891)

—Taken from Mr. Hodgson's book

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The following bit was taken from the **Pomona Daily Record**, running a serial on Rev. L. E. Leeper, minister to the deaf in the town:

Harry A. Mayes, deaf linotypist in the shop, walked into The Daily Record editorial room with a piece of copy about which he had a question. Using a note pad he confronted an editor and got an answer to his question.

As he was about to leave, one of the reporters, hoping to get a laugh from his co-workers and probably thinking Mayes

wouldn't know what was going on, grabbed a telephone off the hook, held it up and said:

"Hey, Harry! Telephone!"

Mayes approached seriously, took the telephone, put the receiver to his ear and said firmly into the telephone:

"Be quiet!"

Still deadpanning, he hung up the telephone, then started to laugh.

A room full of reporters and editors laughed with him.

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Sent in by Julian Singleton who took it from Ann Landers' column in the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner:

Dear Ann: I am a widow, 53, with three grown children. We all live here in Johannesburg, South Africa.

I have a dear friend who is 73. He has been my faithful bridge partner for many years. This is not a romance—Jack is strictly a card companion and nothing more. The problem is that Jack is getting awfully deaf. He misses important bids and spoils the game for everyone. Last week he didn't hear my three no trumps and went off on the wildest tangent imaginable.

Who should tackle Jack about his deafness? He has a daughter whom he sees about once a week. She must be aware of it. Some hard of hearing folks ignore their deafness in the hope that others will not notice.

Please tell me what to say—or what not to say.—BIDI.

Dear Bidi: Tell Jack he should do something about his deafness and promptly. If he can't hear you, write it on a piece of paper—but get the word to him somehow.

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A teacher at the Riverside, Calif., School contributed this piece:

A little girl was writing on the blackboard describing a birthday party given in the classroom for a classmate. One line read:

"Teacher knifed the cake."

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A teacher took his class on a field trip to see a commercial print shop. In this class was a boy of athletic build, and he became interested in an automatic press (Miehle-make), and gave it more than a cursory look. A printer in the shop, noting his interest, wrote on a pad and handed it to the boy: "Can you run a Miehle?"

The boy, not knowing a Miehle from a Chandler-Price, or a Kluge, or—to stretch the point—from a Hoe (all different printing press makes), and thinking the man misspelled the word, told Teacher to tell him, by way of interpreting, that he was a hurdler on his school track team.

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Speaking of the deaf keeping up with current slang, a few years ago I sure pulled a boner at the county tax office in San Bernardino where I worked. I had

Candidates Sought For Shooting Team

John D. Randolph, team captain of the 1969 USA International Deaf Shooting team, is seeking candidates for that team which will represent the USA in 50 and 300-meter ISU shooting in the 11th CISS World Deaf Games at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, 1969.

The CISS (Comite International des Sports Silencieux), an affiliate of the International Olympic Committee, specifies that any competitor must meet one of the following qualifications to be considered as a deaf competitor:

1. The candidate must have attended a special institution such as a school for the deaf or

2. The candidate must have received special instruction to compensate for deafness following an illness.

The candidate must possess or be willing to acquire excellent position shooting ability in the prone, kneeling and offhand positions, and further be willing to compete extensively in shooting events such as outdoor prone, outdoor position and gallery smallbore rifle to build up scoring ability under match conditions.

Deaf women are eligible to compete for places on the team on the same terms as the men. Final selection of the members of the shooting team will be by an elimination match tentatively set for some time in 1969.

Selections will be based solely on shooting ability as determined by the elimination match.

Readers of this magazine will be doing the World USA deaf shooting team a great favor by letting us know of such persons who might qualify or be interested in training to qualify as a candidate for this team.

Names and addresses of known potential candidates should be sent to:

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4900 Nantucket Road
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plotted a parcel on the map and went to drafting to get the acreage computed as it was very irregular. One of the boys brought it back to me. I was writing it up when he came back and said, "Oh, wait a minute, I made a 'boo-boo' on that." I looked down on the map and said, "Where? I don't see anything unusual." It was then that I learned the expression "boo-boo" for my vocabulary. —Gene Guire.

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From "Ol' Man Adam an' his Chillun" by Roark Bradford, in the story of the Tower of Babel, is taken the following:

"Gonter strike 'em dumb, is you, Lawd?" say Abraham.

"Naw, I ain't gonter strike 'em dumb," say de Lord. "Dumb folks kin cuss on they hands. You jest watch me."

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Berkeley Sets Mile Relay Record; Runs Away With Mythical National Deaf Prep Title

By ART KRUGER, Sports Editor

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California is the track capital of the hearing world and also of the deaf in this country.

Last year the Riverside School won the national deaf prep make-believe meet with 103 points, and the other California school, Berkeley, took second place with 75½ points.

And this year it was a runaway 25th annual meet victory for Coach Ken Norton's orange clad Eagles who piled up 105 1/10 points. Washington finished second with 37½ and defending champion Riverside was third with 36 3/5.

The Eagles won seven first places and four second places in their drive to the championship and scored in every event except the mile run and the shot put. The Berkeley boys also took all of three relays and shattered the national deaf prep record in the mile relay. The fleet foursome composed of Ken Pedersen, Jeff Hands, Harold Foster and Roy Rodriguez clipped a full two seconds off the recognized mark with a fine 3:31.0 performance. The old record of 3:33.3 was set by the Washington State School in 1965.

It is to be noted that three events were included for the first time in the annual mythical trackfest, two-mile run, mile relay and 440-yard relay. Next year the triple jump will be added.

Without those three added events the Berkeley School would still win with 84 1/10 points with Riverside and West Virginia taking second and third places with 36 3/5 and 32½ points respectively.

For various reasons, Berkeley's sensational Ken Pedersen did not compete in his specialty, the 880-yard run, this year, but concentrated on the 440-yard run, and proved that he not only is the nation's best half miler but also the top quarter miler. Many times he ran the 440 in 50 seconds flat and finally broke the 50-second barrier with a 49.8 in the sectional meet. He missed the state trip when he took sixth place in the North Coast Section finals, only the first four being qualified.

As of now Ken Pedersen is our best bet for both the 400 and 800 meters in YUGO 69. He will be in the good care of Coach Tom Berg when he enters Gallaudet College this fall.

Two double winners emerged from the mythical meet. Charles Coward of the Mississippi Negro School, a bronze medalist at the '65 Games in the 200-meter dash, captured both sprint events, winning the 100 in 9.6 which tied the national deaf prep record and the 220 in 22 seconds flat.

Gilbert Foster, a 6-2 Negro trackster from the Berkeley School, chalked up a win in the 180-yard low hurdles and also the high jump at 6 feet. And by taking second place in the 120-yard high hurdles, Foster took the individual scoring title of the 25th mythical meet. He passed the Gallaudet College entrance exams and will enroll this fall.

Johnny Samuels, 5-10, 200-pound Negro senior from the Florida School, became the first deaf prepster since Mighty Joe Russell to break the 50-foot barrier in the 12-pound shot put. In the Class C events of the 53rd annual Florida high school state championship track and field meet at Gainesville, Samuels heaved the shot put 50 feet 1¼ inches to eclipse the record of 46.7 set only a year ago.

In the absence of competition in the 880 of the world record holder Ken Pedersen, James Anderson, a Georgia School Negro, recorded the finest deaf prep time in the 880 this year with 2:02.5 for a victory in the state Class C finals. He is also regional Class C champion in this event.

Four schools performed brilliantly and captured their league championships. They were Riverside, Florida, Berkeley and North Carolina.

The Riverside School racked up 55 points at Claremont College to win the Arrowhead League track and field meet for the seventh consecutive year. Greg Wilson, 6-5, 225-pound hurdler, broke the existing league mark in the 120-yard high hurdles with a 15.2 clocking. This also tied the national deaf prep record posted jointly by Pete Hernandez of Arizona in 1958 and Bill Ramborger of Riverside in 1962.

As a result of integration, the Florida School added another St. Johns River Conference championship to its 1967 string of titles in the circuit's annual meet. The Dragons took the basketball title earlier in the season. The Florida thin-clads also captured the regional Class C title and took third place in the state Class C finals. In all, FSD has eight tracksters who have hopes of representing the United States in YUGO 69, especially Bob Shannon, a freshman, who won the state Class C championship in the 880-yard run.

Two Gallaudet-bound tracksters, Ken Pedersen and Gilbert Foster, were the main reasons why the Berkeley School captured the sixth straight Bay Counties League track and field championship.

The North Carolina Bears won only six of 15 events but piled up enough points in all the rest to win the Skyline Con-

ference's track and field championships for the second straight year. The entire meet was run under a chilling drizzle. Coach Marvin Tuttle's boys lost only one member of their squad through graduation, and there is a crop of eighth graders coming along that may give the Bears their best sprint power in the history of the conference.

"We've never had any really fast boys," said Tuttle, "but it looks like now we are going to have some." The tipoff was a practice race in the 880-relay between NCSD varsity and the eighth-grade relay team. The varsity team had won every race in the Skyline Conference except one. But in the practice meet, the eighth graders won. They'll all be freshmen next year and eligible for varsity competition. The brightest prospect perhaps is Rick Bowman, who dominated eighth-grade meets all season with his performance in the 75-yard dash, the 330-yard run and as anchor in the 880 relay.

Keeping track of deaf tracksters: St. Mary's has several promising freshmen on the varsity, especially 6-2 Carl Cerniglia in the sprints, Charles Fusco in the weights, and Vince Wantuck in the 880 . . . Wallace Hughes of Tennessee placed 7th in the state decathlon during the 1966 season and was among the top three in the state this year . . . Maine won the first annual New England deaf prep trackfest held at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf, May 27, 1967. Rhode Island was second followed by Mystic and Horace Mann respectively . . . And seven deaf prep schools participated in the fourth annual Maryland School for the Deaf Invitational meet as West Virginia romped to the championship . . . Lewis Evans and Monte Hoover were "winning" combinations in all three sports of football, basketball and track at West Virginia during the 1966-67 season. And Alex Rubiano said he has never had two boys like them during his eight years at WSVD . . . Evans captured first place in the long jump with a leap of 20-11½ in the state finals, while Hoover heaved the shot put 48-10½ for second place . . . April 6, 1967, was a banner day at the Washington State School for the Deaf as the Terriers held their first home track meet in some 30 years. The last time the Terriers hosted track meets was back in the 30s when Dr. Virgil Epperson, the school superintendent, had a hand in laying out the field. The new track at WSD is a homemade job, an accomplishment of the efforts of Coach Bob Devereaux, his boys, and several other interested people along with some fi-

nancial assistance from the local American Legion.

Ladies of the Cinders: Right here in Southern California participation in women's track has quadrupled in the last two years. Did you know that 309 girls showed up for the Southern California cross country finals last year? That was certainly an impressive figure. Most of the action, centers around private track clubs like the very successful Los Angeles Mercuresses. All over the country new clubs were being organized and that many good-hearted men had begun lending a hand with the coaching, like 3:58 miler Bob Seaman who has a group over in Pasadena.

If we have several girls join those organized girls track clubs, and if so by the time the Belgrade Games in 1969 the United States should have a better-than-usual women's track team.

Now we are pleased, very much indeed, to note that the girls track team at the Riverside School is coming up and up. Mrs. Vernice Peters, the school PE teacher and girls track coach advocated many track meets in Riverside and vicinity. She had the girls practicing with the CSDR boys track squad the past spring.

Melinda Moore, 17, is the best girl runner at CSDR. This year she did the 50 yards in 5.9, the 100 yards in 11.7 and the 220 yards in 27.2. She also had a fine 16.9 effort in the long jump.

Other CSDR girls who show promise for YUGO 69 are Ellen Thielman (18), Shara Eberhardt (17), Linda Parker (18), Susan Bange (14), Shirley Brown (16), Sandra Cook (16), Melinda Williams (16), Heidi Zimmer (15) and Daisy Slagle (13). Their times and distances were far better than those at the Midwest World Games for the Deaf trials held at the \$500,000 athletic plant of the Indiana School for the Deaf, June 10, 1967.

And we continue our personal interest in Coach Ruth Seeger and her continued efforts to boost Texas School for the Deaf girls to work harder, not because of the forthcoming YUGO 69, but because of the utmost workmanship of Mrs. Seeger.

The Texas girl tracksters made a fine showing in the one mile cross country race at Fiests Beach Saturday, December 3, 1966. Thirty-seven girls were entered. It was a cold windswept race which proved the girls had both stamina and endurance. This was the first time that girls, both hearing and deaf, have been in the cross country competitions.

Five TSD girls took part in this race. They were Sheila Allen, Gail Shields, Suzie Barker, Sharon Townsend and Edith

Jones. Sheila Allen was among the top ten—time 6:45. In the team totals TSD came in for 4th place.

In a triangular girls track meet held last April 8, Dorothy Adamietz bettered the American deaf girl record in the discus with a throw of 127-1. This was good for 1st place. She also was a double winner as she took another first place in the shot put with a heave of 37-8. Gail Shields won the 880-yard run in 3:11.1 and TSD's 440-yard relay combination of Suzy Barker, Ermelinda Davila, Sharon Townsend and Shirley Lane won this baton-passing event with a 55.1 clocking, breaking the TSD record set in 1965 by a foursome headed by Mary Jo Boer and thus accumulating enough points for Texas School to nip Austin Track Club, 35-34. Southwest Texas College was third with 17 points.

The TSD girls also did remarkably well in other meets, especially Suzy Barker in the 100 yards (12.1). They also did better than those girls at the June 10 Indiana meet.

It was wonderful being in Indianapolis for the tryouts. About 125 boys and girls from schools for the deaf in Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Nebraska, Kansas, West Virginia, Connecticut, Ohio (St. Rita), Kentucky, Mississippi and the District of Columbia (Gallaudet College) took part in track and field and swimming tryouts. Winners of events in track and field:

Men

100 meters—Charles Coward, Mississippi Negro, 11.3.
200 meters—Charles Coward, Mississippi Negro, 23.4.
400 meters—Tom Henes, Gallaudet College, 51.3.
800 meters—Ricky Berg, Gallaudet College, 2:04.9.
1,500 meters—Steve Baldwin, Gallaudet College, 4:17.1.
5,000 meters—Steve Baldwin, Gallaudet College, 16:33.8.
110 meters high hurdles (high school)—Willie Poplar, Tennessee, 16.5.
180 yards low hurdles (high school)—Andrew Jennings, Mississippi, 22.5.
16 lb. shot put—Willie Poplar, Tennessee, 43-37/8.
College discus—Monte Hoover, West Virginia, 123-5/8.
Long jump—Bill Ramborger, Gallaudet College, 20-11.
Triple jump—Bill Ramborger, Gallaudet College, 43-33/8.
Javelin—Bill Ramborger, Gallaudet College, 191-1.
High jump—Willie Poplar, Tennessee, 5-10.
Pole vault—Emory Marsh, Gallaudet College, and A. J. Marshall, Indianapolis, 11-6.

Women

100 meters—Thresa Pohl, Michigan, 14.2.
200 meters—Thresa Pohl, Michigan, 30.1.
80 meters hurdles—Mandy Walker, Indiana, 17.4.
High jump—Melinda Chapel, Indiana, 4-3.
Long jump—Linda Cervi, Gallaudet College, 12-9.
Javelin—Linda Cervi, Gallaudet College, 64-1/2.
Discus—Jackie Thixton, Gallaudet College, 80-1.

Winners in swimming events:

Men

400 yards free style—Fred Savinsky (Michigan), 4:36.5.
200 yards breaststroke—Joe Castronovo (Wisconsin), 3:17.4.
100 yards freestyle—Fred Savinsky (Michigan), 54.2.
200 yards butterfly—Fred Savinsky (Michigan), 2:15.1.
200 yards backstroke—Joe Castronovo (Wisconsin), 2:52.3.
Diving—Michael Snediger (Indiana).

Women

200 yards breaststroke—Judy Tyl (Tennessee), 3:36.7.
100 yards freestyle—Judith Flesher (Illinois), 1:12.5.
100 yards backstroke—Judith Flesher (Illinois), 1:32.1.
200 yards individual medley—Judy Tyl (Tennessee), 3:22.1.
Diving—Judith Flesher (Illinois).

All in all the Indy affair was a fine show. Our sincerest appreciation goes to Superintendent Alfred J. Lamb and the Indiana School for the Deaf as well as several helpers from this school and other schools for making possible the use of the facilities of the school for the tryouts. It was overwhelming to someone seeing the excellent athletic plant of the Indiana School for the first time. It is the best in the country among our schools for the deaf, and we were especially glad that wonderful activities building was named in honor of Jake Caskey. And thanks should go to Earl Roberts of the Michigan School for a job well done in planning for the tryouts. Jake Caskey deserves the lion's share of the credit along with the members of the physical education staff of the Indiana School under the supervision of Merle Goldman for putting over that memorable Indianapolis affair.

Now those competitors as well as all of the topnotch athletes from all over the country have indicated that they will enter the National World Games for the Deaf tryouts in track and field, swimming and wrestling at the California School for the Deaf at Berkeley next year, August 9-10, 1968. This meet may determine who will represent the United States in YUGO 69. If we can get all of those topnotch athletes, especially women tracksters from Riverside, Texas and North Dakota, the Berkeley meet will be GREAT, and a truer indication of the potential of the participants.

P.S. Steve Baldwin, a Boston boy and Horace Mann School for the Deaf product who will be a senior at Gallaudet College this fall, finally broke his spring-long bad luck by shattering both mile and two-mile American deaf records at the Mason Dixon Collegiate Conference championships last May 6, 1967, placing THIRD in the mile in 4:23.7 and FIRST in the two mile in 9:39.3, only three seconds off the conference record, and 12.8 seconds better than Steve Kugel's 10-year American deaf record set in the 1957 championships in which he also placed FIRST. Steve Baldwin is majoring in education.

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220-Yard Dash

Charles Coward, Miss. Negro, 22.0; Roger Brown, Ind., 22.6; Everett Williams, Mich., 22.7; Mike Barber, Riverside, 22.7; Ken Pedersen, Berkeley, 22.8; Wallace Hughes, Tenn., 22.8; Carl Cerniglia, St. Mary's, 23.0; Herman Buckman, Fla., 23.0.

440-Yard Dash

Ken Pedersen, Berkeley, 49.8; Everett Williams, Mich., 51.6; Shannon McMahon, Fla., 52.9; Jerry Whitlock, W. Va., 53.1; Henry Harvard, Texas, 53.2.

880-Yard Run

James Anderson, Ga., 2:02.5; Jeff Hinds, Berkeley, 2:03.5; Bill Fox, Ill., 2:04.0; Barry Reimers, Wash., 2:04.4; Robert McMahon, Fla., 2:06.9; Edward Jeffords, Fla., 2:07.3.

Mile Run

Gilbert Little Spotted Horse, S. Dak., 4:51.1; Dickie Moore, Ky., 4:51.3; Claude Dalton, W. Va., 4:52.0; Harry Begay, Ariz., 4:52.3; Mike Fratus, Wash., 4:52.8; Richard Siar, W. Pa., 4:55.9; Danna, Fanwood, 4:53.5.

Two-Mile Run

Mike Fratus, Wash., 10:22.3; Wayne Peters, Wash., 10:28.1; Terry Lundberg, S. Dak., 10:32.7; Bobby Haas, Kans., 10:49.9; Danny Cisneros, Riverside, 10:51.7; Trinidad Moreno, Berkeley, 10:53.1; Bob Alo, St. Mary's, 11:02.9; Leroy Rowland, Ga., 11:06.1.

120-Yard High Hurdles

Greg Wilson, Riverside, 15.2 (TIES NATIONAL DEAF PREP RECORD); Gilbert Foster, Berkeley, 15.5; James Johnson, N. Dak., 15.6; Mike Belitz, Texas, 15.7; Alan Dreeszen, Neb., 15.8; Willie Poplar, Tenn., 16.0; Roger M. Norrod, Ind., 16.0.

180-Yard Low Hurdles

Gilbert Foster, Berkeley, 20.7; Greg Wilson, Riverside, 20.9; Albert Dial, Wash., 21.5; Willie Poplar, Tenn., 21.5; Steve Camp, N. Dak., 21.5; Roger Norrod, Ind., 21.6.

High Jump

Gilbert Foster, Berkeley, 6-0; Val Lowery, N. C., 5-11; Willie Poplar, Tenn., 5-10½; Tom Carson, Colo., 5-10; Ronald Sipek, Ill., 5-10; Lewis Evans, W. Va., 5-9; John Rambo, Ga., 5-9.

Long Jump

Charles Mix, Ind., 22-2½; Ken Pedersen, Berkeley, 21-4; Leslie Suhr, Wis., 21-¾; Lewis Evans, W. Va., 20-11½; James Krakowiak, Arizona, 20-9; Lardge Jefferson, Mo., 20-5.

Pole Vault

Joe Michiline, W. Pa., 12-0; David Thompson, Berkeley, 11-4; Charles Mix, Ind., 11-0; Ralph Bowles, Ga., 10-6; Wayne Carter, Texas, 10-6; Manuel Otero, Arizona, 10-2.

12-lb. Shot Put

Johnny Samuels, Fla., 50-1¼; Monte Hoover, W. Va., 48-10½; Wallace Hughes, Tenn., 48-2½; Wesley Hendrickson, Minn., 47-1¼; Philip Buchanan, W. Va., 44-6½; Willie Poplar, Tenn., 43-10.

High School Discus

Charles Mitchell, Berkeley, 136-4; Monte Hoover, W. Va., 130-9; Billy Hayse, Tenn., 128-6½; Wallace Hughes, Tenn., 128-6; Mike Chuto, W. Pa., 127-2½; Chuck Fusco, St. Mary's, 124-6.

440-Yard Relay

Berkeley (Ken Pedersen, Harold Foster, Jeff Hinds, Larry Apolinar), 45.3; Texas, 45.4; North Carolina, 46.6; Missouri, 46.8; Washington, 47-0; North Dakota, 47-0.

880-Yard Relay

Berkeley (Ken Pedersen, Harold Foster, Jeff Hinds, Roy Rodriguez), 1:31.6; Western Pennsylvania, 1:33.6; Florida, 1:33.9; Riverside, 1:35.0; Missouri, 1:35.5; Kentucky, 1:36.1.

Mile Relay

Berkeley (Ken Pedersen, Jeff Hinds, Harold Foster, Roy Rodriguez), 3:31.0 (NEW NATIONAL DEAF PREP RECORD); Washington, 3:36.5; Colorado, 3:41.0; Georgia, 3:42.3; North Carolina, 3:45.5; Kansas, 3:45.6.

TEAM SCORES: Berkeley 105 1/10, Washington 37½, Riverside 36 3/5, West Virginia 32½, Tennessee 29 3/5, Indiana 25½, Florida 25 3/5, Texas 24, Mississippi Negro 20, Western Pennsylvania 20, Georgia 17½, North Carolina 16 3/5, South Dakota 16, Michigan 13, North Dakota 11½, Colorado 10, St. Mary's 9, Illinois 9, Kentucky 8, Arizona 7, Missouri 7, Wisconsin 7, Kansas 5, Minnesota 4, Nebraska 2, Fanwood 1. Other schools participated but failed to score: Maine, Rhode Island, Rome, Mt. Airy, Iowa, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Maryland, Mystic, Horace Mann, American, Ohio, St. Rita, Louisiana, Oregon, N. C. Negro, and Arkansas.

Segura Takes First Honors In NDBA Meet In Denver

By DON GENE WARNICK

In the third annual World's Deaf Championship Bowling Tourney under the auspices of the National Deaf Bowling Association held in Denver, July 1, 2, 3, 1967, under the sponsorship of the Silent Athletic Club of Denver, the \$1,000.00 first prize guaranteed by the Silent Athletic Club of Denver was won by Remingo Segura of Colorado Springs. He won over Harry L. Judd of St. Paul in the finals after both bowlers had bowled a 24-game duel against other bowlers in the two-day event. Each bowler was awarded a trophy.

The tournament opened with 68 entries entered as of July 1. There were several who had to be turned away since the deadline was June 21. The top 32 scorers qualified for first round match play on July 3. The 16 leaders of the qualifying round.

Percy Burris, Elgin, Ill., 1873;
Harry Judd, St. Paul, Minn., 1857;
John Moore, No. Kansas City, Mo., 1850;
Don Warnick, Denver, Colo., 1839;
Remingo Segura, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1775;
Raymond Morin, Lincoln, Neb., 1775;
Curtis Van Denburg, Norwalk, Calif., 1772;
Doug Burris, Springfield, Ill., 1767;
Charles Gallegos, Denver, Colo., 1761;

Donald Hyde, Kansas City, Mo., 1752;
Gaino Geddie, Dallas, Texas, 1748;
John Flores, Denver, Colo., 1748;
Bob Broomfield, South Gate, Calif., 1734;
Fred Stapp, Jr., Tulsa, Okla., 1734;
S. Lloyd Adams, Portland, Ore., 1730;
Tony Quintana, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1727.

The leading eight scorers, including earned bonus points, of first round match play:

Harry Judd, 2594	Tony Quintana, 2478
John Moore, 2525	William Booth, Nor-
Don Warnick, 2525	walk, Calif., 2457
Remingo Segura, 2497	Edward Dowds, Den-
	ver, Colo., 2447
	Percy Burris, 2444

Besides the above eight leaders, eight other bowlers entered the second round match play. The top eight scorers to qualify into the third round match play:

Harry Judd, 3295	Raymond Morin, 3171
Percy Burris, 3265	William Booth, 3158
Don Warnick, 3177	Alex Pavalko, Denver,
Remingo Segura, 3172	Colo., 3093
	Delbert Poyner, Mi-
	lipitas, Calif., 3090

With eight in the third round match play, Remingo Segura won three games, collecting 150 bonus points, and grabbed the lead with 3991; Harry Judd, 3957; Raymond Morin, 3842; Percy Burris, 3827 (he lost all three games); Delbert Poyner, 3816; Don Warnick, 3754; William Booth, 3684; Alex Pavalko, 3640.

The semifinals saw the four leading bowlers facing each other. Segura continued to pile up his lead, winning three more matches and by this time the scores were even lower. Percy Burris managed to bowl a 176 game, the highest in the semifinals. Judd remained behind Segura, and therefore both earned the right to fight it out in the finals. Scores:

Remingo Segura, 4701	Percy Burris, 4412
Harry Judd, 4627	Raymond Morin, 4360

The scores for the finals:

Remingo Segura:
155 plus 28 handicap=183
169 plus 28 handicap=197
168 plus 28 handicap=196 — 576

Harry L. Judd:
160 plus 26 handicap=186
155 plus 26 handicap=181
169 plus 26 handicap=195 — 562

Bowlers in the money (unofficial results):

Remingo Segura, \$1,000; Harry Judd, \$500; Percy Burris, \$150; Raymond Morin, \$100; Delbert Poyner, \$60; Don Warnick, \$40; William Booth, \$35; Alex Pavalko, \$30; Bob Broomfield, \$25; and John Flores, Tony Quintana, John Moore and Donald Hyde, \$20 each; Edward Dowds, \$19; S. Lloyd Adams, \$17; Amadeo Fajardeo and Gaino Geddie, \$16 each. Sixteen others received \$5 each for qualifying.

The entries were not up to expectations, but the tournament itself was a successful event. Over 250 fans attended the tournament, including the floor show and dance at the hotel, and the reception and the awards night at the Silent Athletic Club Building. The site of the next tournament has not yet been selected. Three sites are under consideration.

Officers elected for 1967-68 season (with the exception of the secretary-treasurer who is elected for a three-year term and has two years remaining):

President, Connie Marchione, Panorama City, Calif.; vice president, George Belser, Vancouver, Wash.; secretary-treasurer, Don Gene Warnick, Denver; board



Fred Schmidt, chairman of the National Deaf Bowling Association Tourney presents first place trophy to Remingo Segura. (Courtesy Denver Bowling Association)

members, Philip DiFalco, Dearborn, Mich., Percy Burris, Elgin, Ill., Robert F. Collins, Gardena, Calif., Casimir Podgerniak, Syracuse, N. Y.

Any interested bowler may write to Don

Gene Warnick, secretary-treasurer, at 9244 East Mansfield Ave., Denver, Colo. 80237, for tourney results or any information pertaining to the National Deaf Bowling Association.

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Water skiing has come to be nearly an all-year thing on Lake Mead. The nearly perfect weather conditions, warm sunny days, gentle winds and wide sandy beaches lure skiers from not only the local area, but from all over the country. You can even rent a complete skiing outfit, including skis, boat and guide. Each year, in fact, a national water ski championship event is held in the lower basin of Mead.

The shoreline of this massive desert lake measures nearly five hundred miles, and this offers just about any kind of beach for fun. Both the lower basin and the larger upper basin abound with wide sweeping coves, where a boat can be easily beached, and ideal as a picnic spread base for a day's activities.

The National Park Service, administrators of the area, provide and maintain campgrounds, improved picnic areas, trailer parks and other visitor facilities. The improved areas have running water, picnic benches, stoves and shade trees.

A minimum charge is made for the use of these facilities; however, a Federal Recreation Area entrance permit is valid and usable in all the Lake Mead area. The improved areas are all close to the launching spots.

Sportsmen particularly enjoy the excellent fishing in Mead's blue waters. Largemouth bass abound here, and there is no closed season. Beside bass, there are excellent catches of black crappie, catfish and perch.

Mead is a wonderland for exploring by boat. Places such as Napoleon's Tomb, the Wishing Well, Iceberg Canyon and the Paint Pots are just as interesting as their name implies. Boaters often carry field glasses or binoculars to view the fantastic colors and rock formations around the lake. Wildlife is another show for the lucky boater fortunate enough to be in the right place at the right time. Desert bighorn sheep can sometimes be seen on the craggy hillsides, and more frequently the coyote and wild burro. Many birds frequent the lake, a major stop on the North-South flyway for migrating waterfowl. Ducks, geese, cormorants and cranes are found here seasonally, while the small mudhen, owl and raven are permanent residents.

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State Association News

Alabama Chooses Estes

At its June convention held in Huntsville, the Alabama Association of the Deaf elected Charles Estes of Talladega president for 1967-1969. Other officers: Sam B. Rittenberg, Birmingham, vice president; Robert Cunningham, Birmingham, secretary; Franklin D. Rushing, Huntsville, treasurer. Alabama's representative at the 1968 NAD convention in Las Vegas will be John T. Wheeler of Huntsville.

North Dakota Association Headed by Lyle Wiltse

Officers of the North Dakota Association of the Deaf for the next two years are Lyle Wiltse, Devils Lake, president; Joseph O. Zurich, Grand Forks, vice president; Dwight Rafferty, Devils Lake, secretary; Philip Frellich, Devils Lake, treasurer. Trustees are William F. Hartl, Devils Lake, and Mrs. Herbert Younker, Minot.

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President's Message

At several state association conventions recently I had the opportunity to discuss with deaf leaders the curious fact that, while the deaf population is constantly growing, attendance at conventions appears to be constantly diminishing. This is manifest by the pictures taken of convention gatherings 40 or 50 years ago compared to the present attendance. The difference is dramatic.

Times, of course, change. But immediate concern is how to renew interest in the state conventions, how to stimulate people into taking an active interest in their own welfare. Older leaders despair of attracting youth; youth replies that the older leaders are not interested in their needs and won't give them a chance to run things.

Before answers can be developed we must first explore the possible reasons for the situation. The sociologist might find some interesting material for a thesis in this.

A simple list of reasons might be quite lengthy, but let's try one anyway.

1. **Other attractions and distractions.** Fifty years ago, a convention was the event of the year, something to be planned for and saved for and even sacrificed for. But today the automobile and the airplane have made far-off places readily available; a vacation may be spent in New York City, in Yellowstone National Park, at the beach or in the mountains or touring the country—an impossibility 50 years ago. In short, one is not limited to one's own state in selection of a vacation.

2. **Competition of other events.** Loyalities are frequently divided. There are athletic events, which naturally attract the younger generation: basketball, for example. There also are numerous bowling tournaments for deaf people of all ages. Church groups hold conferences at both state and national levels.

3. **The automobile.** Fifty years ago only the relatively well off people could afford automobiles. Today, the first thing a high school graduate buys is an automobile. It has become a necessity because with the advent of the automobile public transportation systems began a sudden decline. Streetcars disappeared. Buses blossomed but are in constant operating difficulties. As difficulties increase, people turn to their automobiles for reliable transportation to and from

work. One can live where one wishes if he owns an automobile—even live cross-town from his job or in another city. The dramatic impact of the automobile on the American economy needs no further documentation.

But . . . owning an automobile also keeps one broke, and this applies especially to the younger person who is just starting his working career and who has a low scale job. A youthful marriage, children, a new car and either rent or the mortgage payment . . . and one simply does not have money for a convention unless it is within his own immediate vicinity. Conventions are expensive.

So we find attendance at modern conventions limited largely to older folks who love to come and meet their old school friends and to a middle class of deaf people who are established in comparatively secure jobs, who have achieved a measure of economic stability and whose interest in politics and welfare activities is spurred by the consequent extra time and money they have available.

4. **The average deaf school graduate is woefully unprepared for the world.** Rare indeed is the adequate home and family environment for the deaf youth. The communication barrier effectively shuts out the deaf child from the normal activities shared by hearing children, and especially is he isolated from the community's culture even though the more perceptive parents do make efforts to integrate him. He grows up inevitably lacking even a simple understanding of the responsibility each individual has for the successful operation of society, little or no conception of his own position in it nor what is expected of him. All of these things, like language, are absorbed unconsciously from home and general social environment.

Moving the perspective to schools for the deaf, it appears that they have been unwittingly saddled with the responsibility of teaching manners and morals and community responsibility.

It saddens me to say this, but it is too often related to me by deaf people who have been through it for me too disregard it: Some school teachers deliberately attempt to create in the minds of their students a rejection of deaf society. They are told that they should "go" only with hearing friends, not with deaf friends; that they should not learn to sign because only stupid "deafies" signed, the smart ones talked. And the children are never told of the opportunities for self expression, for personal satisfaction, not for service to others less fortunate than themselves that lie within the organizational framework of deaf society. Isolation of the deaf person is never so complete as when he rejects deaf society and is rejected by hearing society because he cannot (except in exceedingly

Frederick C. Schreiber, Executive Secy.

rare cases) compete. We can never forget that the deafness disability is a distinct handicap, and while most of us learn to live with it, few rise above it in terms of the public service theme we are discussing now.

In brief some schools do not encourage their students to participate in deaf society, fearing that to do so will further isolate them from the mainstream of community life. I contend that the reverse is true; **deaf people who are well adjusted and active in deaf community affairs usually manage to use their experience and learning in order to work effectively with hearing people!**

Note that I said "some schools, some teachers." A heartening sign of active recognition of the problem of imparting community responsibility to deaf children is the vigorous growth of a new school program, the **Junior NAD**. Responsibility of the individual to the whole community is being taught (this includes the hearing community). Deaf youngsters who have tried, in some small way, to make their community a better place in which to live will be themselves better individuals. I cannot think of a better way to "integrate" the deaf into the community.

5. **The pattern of meetings.** One thing stands out clearly in all my experience with conventions: An inordinate amount of time is spent on construction and revision of bylaws, with very few people really comprehending what is being done. Those who do not follow proceedings become bored and inattentive and the work of the presiding officer becomes more difficult. Lack of training (Where can they get it if not within their own organizations?) and lack of purpose and direction make for a rather dull meeting. One cannot blame the young people who are action-oriented if they call it as they see it! Dry, boring.

Is a change in pattern needed? We might point to the popularity of the round-table or workshop format. Once a person has been in close discussion with a few others, he is hooked on the excitement of group interaction. The richness of the learning opportunities, the freer give and take and more relaxed atmosphere enable people to develop their ideas without having them ruled out of order or tied up in technicalities. Of course, more careful organization of the convention is called for.

Bylaws should be revised in committee, and the committee should be composed of the best people the executive officer can find. Proposals from the floor should be directed to the committee in open hearing, so that details and conflicts may be worked out before presenting them to the convention as a whole. Discussion probably will be minimized thereafter.

More time should be given to the pro-

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posal of worthwhile and beneficial activities—"new business"—which is frequently quite as important if not more so than a minor change in the wording of a by-law. Adult education, driver education, insurance protection, job training and similar matters should be given adequate time so that the activities of the association for the next two years will be constructively programmed.

I have given, above, a few of my ideas; they are not the only ones; undoubtedly there are many other valid reasons for declining attendance. What is more important right now is: Do you have other ideas for **improving** attendance? I'd love to have you tell me.

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Receipts	
Contributions	\$ 20.00
Special Fund Contributions	1,555.30
State Quotas	1,030.50
Affiliation Fees	10.00
Advancing Memberships	454.00
Dividends and Interest	183.40
Publications	11.70
Services Rendered	25.00
Reimbursements	38.60
Total	\$3,328.50

Disbursements	
Officers' Salaries	\$ 150.00
Executive Secretary's Salary	840.00
Clerical Salaries	577.50
Payroll Taxes	69.01
Travel	651.54
Rent	214.00
Postage	185.60
Printing	68.15
Office Supplies	203.71
Deaf American Support	149.20
Executive Secretary's Expenses	121.38
Office Equipment	60.00
Convention Expenses	35.26
Captioned Films	92.25
Professional Services	1,800.00
Bank Service Charge	62.05
Electricity	1.55
Total	\$3,244.78

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Receipts	
Special Fund Contributions	\$ 396.82
Advancing Memberships	750.26
Dividends and Interest	135.20
Publications	9.25
Services Rendered	21.00
Reimbursements	254.99
Total	\$1,567.52

Disbursements	
Officers' Salaries	\$ 150.00
Executive Secretary's Salary	840.00
Clerical Salaries	505.00
Payroll Taxes	65.82
Travel	401.75
Rent	214.00
Postage	13.00
Telephone and Telegraph	32.74
Office Supplies	88.80
Office Equipment	70.00
Executive Secretary's Expenses	123.92
Junior NAD	100.00
Deaf American Support	263.40
Convention Expenses	76.75
Captioned Films	33.02
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Advertising	12.00
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By Frederick C. Schreiber

HOME OFFICE NOTES

July and August gone already? Impossible! But the calendar says it is time for the Home Office to prepare its report for the September issue of THE DEAF AMERICAN. So here goes.

The summer months are generally hectic. Our state associations have conventions and while fortunately only about half of them meet in any given year, the resulting changes in administration creates a workload that takes many weeks to clear away since address lists must be changed and brought up to date to accommodate the new officers. Summer also means assigning NAD representatives to the various states that ask for them and further duties create a lovely time. It would appear that this summer has been no exception.

As reported in the July-August issue, the move into our new quarters has been completed. We have new furniture in all of the offices—a total of nine new desks and two new typewriters and while things are in pretty good shape there is still some work to be done before we will completely be equipped, at least physically. We also have three phone numbers available in addition to the office phone with a total of eight separate instruments. For those who might be interested the new NAD phone numbers are 202-337-3712, 337-3713 and 337-2230. All of the phones are interconnected so that any number will do when calling. If our physical arrangements are up to par, our staffing is not. Additional staff members include Mrs. Alyce Stifter who has been a part-time employee for the past year. Mrs. Stifter will be working full-time starting in September and will handle much of our filing and materials. We have another full-time employee in Miss Sharon

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Snyder. But still need an administrative assistant and a full-time secretary. Actually the Home Office now has openings available for two full-time experienced secretaries in the \$5000 per year range and a full-time director for our language of signs project at \$15,000 per year.

LANGUAGE OF SIGNS: The NAD application for establishing a language of signs program has been approved with a \$48,000 grant for a period of two years. This project is to take effect September 1 and it is expected that the director will be selected during the month of September to start October 1. Applicants for this position are invited based on qualifications necessary to meet the outlined objectives of the program as follows:

1. To improve and enrich the communication skills of trained personnel in all areas involved in the rehabilitation and training of deaf people.
2. To increase the supply of personnel in the field of rehabilitation and ancillary services which would be able to communicate adequately with the deaf client.
3. To suggest a developmental curriculum and methodology and to advise existing programs when requested on the establishment of new classes in manual communication and orientation to deafness.
4. To participate with other agencies, professional groups and institutions in their efforts to improve their services to the deaf.
5. To develop effective teaching materials and sound pedagogic principles for their utilization.
6. To serve as a national reference source and information center for local programs, workshops, study groups, institutes, etc.
7. To establish minimum requirements for programs, including criteria for the selection of instructors and trainees.
8. To develop a uniform and high-quality course of study, including inquiry into socio-economic, psychological, educational, communicative and other orientative aspects of deafness; principles of finger-spelling; the language of signs; idiomatic and in dialectic sign language; the transition to manual English; the simultaneous method, and possibly an introduction to speech in some programs.
9. To study desirable class size of maximum learning potential, duration and frequency of meeting, teaching sites, etc., and in this manner set up minimum guidelines for a flexible program structure.
10. To design methods of evaluating the effectiveness of individual programs, including standardized tests for this purpose.
11. Other requirements are specified in the contract.

Qualifications for the director include preferably a master's degree along education or linguistic lines, although the unique nature of this position might lead to an individual with a bachelor's degree

plus extensive experience in adult education or other aspects of the program. The director would organize the program by VRA regions. He will, with the aid of his advisory board, select a qualified instructional staff, plan a workshop as the initial step of launching the national program itself. He will be personally responsible to the National Association of the Deaf for the effective management, coordination and orderly progress of the program. In addition to providing a master plan in action, he would provide periodic evaluative reports on the progress, changes and completion of the various objectives of the program. The director will be responsible for administering funds to each local program and for making semiannual reports to the NAD on expenditures and allocation of funds, the number of persons in training and all other relevant information. Individuals interested in this position should send their applications to the President of the National Association of the Deaf at the Home Office.

This project makes the third one that has been approved for the coming year. It should be noted that contrary to popular belief, the NAD does not "make money" on these programs. They are designed to help meet the needs of the deaf and in all cases the NAD has to provide some funds to meet the grants. For example, in the above grant, the NAD is required to furnish \$2,400. The International Research Seminar calls for \$6,700 and the RID grant something like \$2,000. However, at the same time, the services that result from these programs should be of immeasurable value to the deaf—both materially by creating better understanding and hence improved economic opportunities for all of us, and socially by creating a greater awareness among the general public about the social aspects of deafness.

THE CIVIL DEFENSE PROJECT has been completed. We are now awaiting decision from the Department of the Army regarding the recommendations contained in this report. However, regardless of the outcome, it is certain that some consideration is now being given to the problem of alerting deaf persons in the event of an air raid or emergency which had not been previously thought of.

THE WORLD FEDERATION OF THE DEAF and the Vth Congress held in Warsaw saw the election of Mervin D. Garretson to the WFD Bureau. Mr. Garretson was nominated by the NAD for this position. Approximately 33 Americans participated in the Congress. Representing the NAD were Mervin D. Garretson and Sam Block. It is expected that a report on this will be available from the NAD representatives in the near future. While in Europe, the Executive Secretary also purchased a Roliflex camera for use by THE DEAF AMERICAN. It is hoped that the Executive Secretary will

use this as he travels to insure adequate supply of pictures of meetings, workshops and other events for readers of THE DEAF AMERICAN.

LAS VEGAS CONVENTION: Agreement has been reached on combination tickets for the 1968 NAD convention. In this respect the price for the whole week has been set at \$30 which includes: Registration, Program Book, Reception, Pool-side Party, NAD Cultural Night Program, Banquet and Ball. Extra-cost items will include sightseeing, a night club tour and of course the NAD Individual Bowling Classic. Reservations for rooms are now being accepted by the Home Office. Room rates are \$10, 12 and \$14 single; and \$12, \$14 and \$16 double. Since we have only 500 rooms, reservations are also on the "first come, first served" basis but arrangements have been made to house the overflow in other hotels once the 500 figure is reached.

IN OUR MAIL: We find indications that our efforts in connection with the Job Corps and VISTA have not been entirely in vain. While we have felt that the Job Corps project had been dead and buried for some time, there appears to be life in the proposal still and it is possible that we will find our young people being accepted for this program although there are no indications as to when this will happen. At the same time we find that one of the applications made at our instigation to VISTA has finally been approved. Although it took over a year to accomplish this, the acceptance of this candidate for VISTA, volunteers will not be prevented from doing so because they are deaf.

WITH THE STATES: We are pleased to announce that joining Washington State and Wisconsin as newly inducted cooperating member states of the NAD is South Carolina. Robert O. Lankenau, NAD Ways and Means chairman, was our representative at this convention and he raved about the wonderful southern hospitality he enjoyed at the SCAD convention which is all the more reason for welcoming South Carolina into the fold. As this is written we have no word from Pennsylvania, the only other non-cooperating state that is holding a convention this year. However, the trend appears plain and the NAD is on the march. It is our hope that by 1968 we will have all the states banded together for their mutual protection and the deaf people of the United States will have a fully effective voice in the halls of Congress and wherever we need to be heard.

CHRISTENSEN CASE: According to the last information we have on the status of this case, the California State Supreme Court refused to review the decision of the State Appellate Court which ruled that Judge A. A. Scott was biased when he denied the Christensens the privilege of adopting a child because they were deaf. It would appear that unless an at-

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tempt is made by Los Angeles County to take this to the U. S. Supreme Court, this will end the matter and it will be possible for the NAD to render an accounting of the funds collected for this battle. To date we have collected the sum of \$3072.72 as follows:

Balance brought forward	\$2797.72
Minnesota Chapter CCA	10.00
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Of this sum, \$2000 was expended on NAD legal fees. Additional sums were expended in connection with the Tri-State affair which amounted to something like \$150 for rent of the hall, \$150 for refreshments and \$150 was previously advanced to the Christensens at the beginning of this effort. Thus of the monies collected, \$2,450 was spent leaving only approximately \$600 to help the Christensens themselves. This is a very small sum compared with what the couple has had to spend to insure that all deaf people will not be denied their rights as citizens and we hope that additional contributions will be forthcoming so that a substantial sum can be collected to defray at least half their fees which are now in excess of \$2,500. It is not too late to do your share in this effort.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY also took in the Empire State Association of the Deaf's convention in Albany over the Labor Day weekend. The ESAD has demonstrated remarkable progress in getting legislation favorable to the deaf before their state legislature. This includes especially the Temporary Commission on Problems of the Deaf. Officers of the ESAD for the coming biennium include Mrs. Alice Beardsley, president; Albert Berke, vice president; Richard Corcoran, secretary; and Clifford Leach, treasurer. Directors at large include Carlton B. Strail and Claude Samuelson, holdovers from the previous administration, and also Max Friedman and Robert Heacock. The ESAD also adopted a modified version of the NAD dissolution clause for their bylaws as well as a modified version of the NAD's communications system for their administrative officers. Mrs. Beardsley and Mr. Samuelson were selected to represent the ESAD in Las Vegas. In addition, the ESAD also voted to bid for the 1970 NAD convention.

THE REGISTRY OF INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF is off to a flying start with the advent of Albert T. Pimontel, the RID's new executive secretary. As most DEAF AMERICAN readers are aware, the RID office has been established under a VRA grant to the NAD. Mrs. Virginia

Minnesota Association Re-Elects Francis Crowe President



NEW OFFICERS OF MAD—Minnesota Association of the Deaf business matters will be in the hands of these members of the Executive Committee during the next two years. Seated, left to right, are Mrs. Myrtle Allen, secretary; Francis Crowe, president; Charles Vadnais, treasurer; and Lloyd Moe, first vice president. Standing, from left, are Willis Sweezo, director; George Hanson, director; James Jones, second vice president, and Robert Stokes, director. Inset at upper right of picture is of Herman von Hippel, director. Mrs. Allen and Vadnais will be the MAD's representatives to the NAD Convention in Las Vegas next year.

More than 300 members and visitors attended the 37th biennial convention of the Minnesota Association of the Deaf, held at Grand Rapids, August 11-12-13. Convention hosts were members of the Northern Minnesota Club for the Deaf.

Highlight of the convention came on Saturday afternoon, when MAD Survey Chairman James Jones, acting as moderator, called for discussion of a proposal that would provide a double Federal income tax exemption for the deaf. MAD members and leaders rose to denounce the proposal. Not a single proponent came forward. A vote on the proposal was then called for the MAD members went on record as unanimously opposing

double Federal income tax exemption for the deaf.

Continuing to follow the pattern of past conventions, the MAD once again voted to continue its affiliation with and support of the National Association of the Deaf. Again the vote was unanimous.

At the final business session, Francis Crowe of Duluth was re-elected president. Also elected were Lloyd Moe, Duluth, first vice president; James Jones, St. Paul, second vice president; Mrs. Myrtle Allen, Minneapolis, secretary; Charles Vadnais, White Bear Lake, treasurer; and Robert Stokes of Grand Rapids and George Hanson of Faribault, directors. Holdover directors are Herman von Hippel, St. Paul, and Willis Sweezo, Minneapolis.

Lewis, RID secretary-treasurer, has been in with all the RID files and other materials necessary for operation of this office. It is expected that great things will come from the new set-up and possibly future RID news will appear in the DA separately from the Home Office Notes.

HOT OFF THE PRESS: Last-minute information has it that Roger Falberg, NAD Community Services chairman will have a paper at the National Rehabilitation Association's convention in Cleveland October 1. Another NAD member, Mrs. Virginia Lewis, will also be on hand to serve as interpreter for this meeting. It is hoped that a sizeable delegation of deaf

people will be in attendance. Convention dates are October 1-4 at the Sheraton Hotel in Cleveland.

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CHAFF From the Threshing Floor

By George Propp

One of Chaff's friends dropped in the other evening. He was so impressed with our promotion of Las Vegas as a convention site that he couldn't wait until next year. He went to Las Vegas last week. No trouble in getting him interested in a return trip. Next June the attraction of the one-armed bandits will be fortified with thousands of two-armed manual communicators.

The Thresher is happy to find support for his opinion that nearly everyone he knows is attending an institution of higher learning. According to the **PSAD Bulletin** deaf peddlers were soliciting in the library of the University of Washington. In these academic surroundings our standard manual alphabet needs a new image, so they label it "the deaf education system." . . . The Puget Sound Association of the Deaf has been setting a fine example on the political scene, one that other state organizations might emulate. By writing to their elected representatives the deaf of Washington made their voices heard in regard to legislation affecting the school in Vancouver . . .

Congratulations: David Peikoff has been appointed director of development at Gallaudet College. In this new position he will be directly in charge of fund raising programs for Gallaudet . . . Al Pimental is moving to Washington, D. C., to take charge of the newly created position of executive director for the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. Al's move is a great loss to Tennessee, but his new role is bound to have a significant impact upon deaf people everywhere.

A novel sport that has captured the fancy of some of the deaf in Nebraska is canoe racing. A deaf two-man team, Albert Sparks and Nick Abariotes, was to have competed in the Nebraska Centennial Canoe Race from Omaha to Nebraska City (about 50 miles) during the last weekend of August. Two other deaf teams were probable entries.

The Thresher took considerable interest in last month's DA feature story on the Deafness Research Foundation. One of the important functions of the DRF is being carried out by the Nebraska Sertoma Hearing Project. Under contract with DRF the Nebraska project has been booking showings of the film, "Silent World, Muffled World." At each showing pledges of temporal bones are accepted from deaf viewers. Anyone desiring bookings of this film for deaf groups should contact Dr. Keith Sehnert, 2141 Sheridan Ave., Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Leadership Training Program in the Area of the Deaf is at the time of this writing, graduating another class of trainees at San Fernando Valley State College in Northridge, California. Nearly 80 people have completed this program and we feel they are making a significant contribution to the education of the deaf. The growing body of LTP alumni had a breakfast meeting at the recent convention in Hartford.

Jack Falcon, editor of the Akron Club of the Deaf **Newsletter**, pulled a coup of sorts by persuading Lill Andrewjeski to take up the pen again. Lill contributed an interesting column to the August issue of the ACDNL. We also have to go along with Jack on his suggestion for forming an Akron Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf. If the COSD is expected to be effective on a national level, there is no reason why it can't work on area, state, and regional levels.

Recently while boning up on the history of the education of the deaf, the Thresher reluctantly changed some of his notions concerning Alexander Graham Bell. The guy was essentially an experimenter and innovator. If living today he would be a graduate of the LTPAD, an employee of Captioned Films for the Deaf and an enthusiastic supporter of Dr. Cornett's cued speech.

The \$600 income tax exemption was debated at the June convention of the Nebraska Association of the Deaf, and a motion that we favor such an exemption received only three votes. From information picked up here and there, we understand that the proposition has taken a similar beating in various other states.

We went to Washington, D. C., recently and the two-hour jet sortie to the nation's capital got us there in time to attend a farewell party for Bob Panara who is moving to Rochester to work with the NTID. Washington will miss the Panaras in many ways, but what really has those people weeping into their beer is the difficulty of finding a replacement in the Norwood, Carney, Schreiber and Panara barbershop quartet.

Temple Beth Solomon in Los Angeles has Chaff's vote as the organization of the deaf with the most hustle and get-up-and-go. Last year we attended the dedication of their facilities, and in a recent issue of their **Congregation News** we sort of received the impression that there are hardly enough days in the year to schedule all the events they have programmed. In the July-August issue of **THE DEAF AMERICAN** Stahl Butler raised the question of what the Methodist Church is doing for the deaf. The folks at Temple Beth Solomon remind me that the question might be worded thus: What are deaf Methodists doing for their church?

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